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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 Kronstadt

February 18th, 2018
THE SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE
SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS

Tone -4

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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 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 Cheese Fare Sunday in tone 6:

O Thou who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to thee, O merciful One, have mercy upon me who am fallen.

THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL: Geraldine Deschênes

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES and SENIOR CARE FACILITIES: Lorraine Kalil, Amaline Bastaty, Wadad Hamuae, Joanne Samra (Florida) Michel Chuairy, Henry Hyder

THOSE ILL, IN PAIN, OR SHUT IN BY INFIRMITY: Robert Maria, Claudette Erban, 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, Fran Brown, Anita Brown, Andrew Brown, Christopher Boshar, 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

TRISAGION PRAYERS, HOLY BREAD, AND COFFEE HOUR are offered today as a one year memorial for Gebran Touma by his wife Naime and the family. **MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

THE GREAT FAST begins this Monday, Feb. 19th, and continues through March 30th. We Orthodox Christians abstain from Meat, Milk and all dairy products, eggs, fish, olive oil, and alcohol during this time. Olive oil and alcohol are allowed on the weekends. On Annunciation, March 25, fish is allowed as well as olive oil and alcohol. May God strengthen us and grant us a peaceful and spiritually profitable season of the Fast.

FORGIVENESS VESPERS which ushers in the season of Lent will be celebrated tonight at 7:00 PM.

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY will be celebrated on Monday morning at 9:00 AM

GREAT COMPLINE will be sung on Monday at 7:00 PM in Norwood with deanery clergy presiding.

GREAT COMPLINE will be sung on Tuesday at 5:00 PM with a section of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete in our own Church

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

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

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY will be celebrated on Friday morning at 9:00 AM.

THE AKATHIST HYMN to the Virgin will be sung on Friday evening at 7:00 PM

DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on Saturday morning at 9:00 for St. Theodore's great miracle of the first week of Lent, as well as a memorial for our departed.

VESPERS will be celebrated on Saturday evening at 5:00 PM

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.