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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*

December 30th, 2018

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

**ST. JOSEPH THE BETROTHED, DAVID THE PROPHET AND KING,
 JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD**

Tone - 6

Eothina – 9

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 Nativity in Tone 4

Thy Nativity, O Christ, our God hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world, for they who did worship the stars did learn from them to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice and to know that Thou didst come from the East of the Highest. Glory to Thee, O Lord.

THE TROPARION FOR THE SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY in Tone 2

Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the

Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to have 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.

THE KONTAKION of the Nativity in tone 3

Today the Virgin giveth birth to the Transcendent in essence; the earth offereth the cave to the unapproachable One; the angels with the shepherds glorify him; and the Magi with the star travel on their way; for a new child hath been born for our sakes, God before the ages.

THOSE IN REHAB FACILITIES, NURSING HOMES and SENIOR CARE FACILITIES, Norma Samra, Amaline Bastaty, Joanne Samra (Florida), Michel Chuairy, Henry Hyder, Vivian Runions

THOSE ILL, IN PAIN, OR SHUT IN BY INFIRMITY: Elizabeth Ferris, Khalil Touma, Lorraine Kalil, 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, 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, Kenneth Keamy, 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, Theresa Girardi, Gianna Gehringer, Libby Morley, George Touma & Family; Naime Touma & Family, Jihad, Lynn, Janelle Hajjar, Joshua Linnie, Kate Gaiver & Jacob Hajjar.

Geraldine Deschênes fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, Dec. 26th. She was buried on Saturday, Dec. 29th. Our prayers go with her as she continues her new life in the Lord. **MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on Jan. 1st at 9:00 AM for the feast of the Circumcision of Christ and St. Basil the Great.

THE SERVICE OF THE ROYAL HOURS for the Theophany (Epiphany) will be celebrated on Friday morning at 9:00 AM.

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 begin 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.