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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*

March 24, 2019
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE FAST
ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

Tone - 2

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THE TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION in tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, Then Thou didst destroy Hell, with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, All the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee, O Christ Thou Giver of life, Glory to Thee, O our God.

TROPARION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION in Tone 4

Today the preludes of universal joy move us to sing the prefestal hymn; for behold, Gabriel cometh, bringing the good tidings to the Virgin, and shall cry to her: Rejoice, thou who art full of grace; the Lord is with thee.

THE TROPARION TO ST. GREGORY PALAMAS in Tone 8

O star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of 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 FOR THE FOREFEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION in Tone 4

At the great Archangel's voice, O Theotokos, the All-holy Spirit came upon thee and thou didst conceive Him that is one in essence and throne with God the Father, O Adam's recovery.

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 REHAB FACILITIES, NURSING HOMES and SENIOR CARE FACILITIES, Norma Samra, Joanne Samra (Florida), Michel Chuaury, 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, John Ayoub, Maria Rodriguez and Patrick Montesque.

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.

WE WILL BE TAKING A **SECOND COLLECTION** during Women's Month toward the Antiochian Women's 2019 Project. Please contribute generously on behalf of the Ladies.

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.

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 GREAT FAST began on March 11th, we will be abstaining from meat, eggs, dairy products, fish (except for March 25 & Palm Sunday), olive oil and alcohol (except for Saturdays & Sundays and March 25th) until Great and Holy Pascha on April 21st. May God strengthen us and grant us a peaceful and spiritually beautiful Fast.

LENTEN SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

Sunday evening at 6:00 pm	Holy Trinity GOC, Lowell
Monday evening at 4:30 pm	Matins for the Annunciation
Monday evening at 6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation, covered dish following
Wednesday evening at 6:00pm	Presanctified Liturgy; covered dish following.
Friday morning at 9:00 am	Presanctified Liturgy
Friday evening at 7:00 pm	Akathist hymn to the Virgin Mary (3 rd part)
Saturday morning at 9:00 am	Liturgy at W. Roxbury with the Retreat
Saturday evening at 2:30 pm	Great Vespers at W. Roxbury with the Retreat