

ST. GEORGE EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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*

November 22, 2009

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Tone -7

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THE TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION in tone 7

Thou didst shatter death with Thy Cross, and didst open Paradise to the thief. Thou didst change the sadness of the ointment bearers into joy, And Thou didst charge Thine Apostles to proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen O Christ our God, Granting to the people of the world Thy Great Mercy.

TROPARION for the Presentation of the Theotokos in Tone 4

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

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 for the Presentation of the Theotokos in Tone 4

The all-pure temple of the Saviour, the most precious bridal-chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today entered the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES and SENIOR CARE FACILITIES, Violette Chuairy, Walter Phillips, Eva Elias, Josephine Samra Shiepe, Fred Kiamie, Marjorie Clarridge, Hanna Nakkoul.

THOSE ILL, IN PAIN, OR SHUT IN BY INFIRMITY: Michael Kargatis, Geraldine Deschênes, Vivian Runions, Michel Chuairy, Pauline Barcellona, Elaine Orefice, Lorraine Kalil, Albert Kamal, Joseph Kamal, David Hadad, Nassif Hamaoui, Jeanette Hamaoui, Dearborn Samia, Wadad Hamuae, Geraldine Allaire, Christine Hassan, Gabriel Josiah Hassan, Caleb Hassan, Albert Hayek, Toni Orefice, F. Charles Cartier, Kim Goodspeed, Angela Scherer, Carole Farrell, Donna Najem Avakoff, Stephen Kamal, Mary Golightly, Jacob Malinchak, William Haddad, Lila Haddad, John Erban, Rose AbouHaidar, Elvyn Hajjar, Stacia Mullens, Sandra Widdall, Joanne Gray, Cheryl Brown, Joseph Palin, and John Ayoub.

THOSE IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, FAR AWAY, OR OTHERWISE IN NEED OF PRAYER: Tom Girardi, Warren & Elizabeth Ferris, Carl, Lauren, Caitlin, Aalin, Aidan Bellinger, Alice Samia, Carole Moured, 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: George Touma & family; Gebran Touma & family; Jihad, Lynn, Janelle & Jacob Hajjar; George Haddad & Clara Coutermarsh.

THE DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on Wednesday morning for the feast of St. Katherine the Great Martyr.

THE NATIVITY FAST began on Sunday, Nov. 15th and lasts through Dec. 24th. From Nov. 15th through Dec. 13th, we abstain from meat, dairy products, and eggs. From then on we abstain from Fish, Olive Oil and Alcohol as well until Dec. 25th. (Olive oil and Alcohol are allowed on weekends.) May God grant us a spiritually profitable and peaceful fast, and bring us safely to His Glorious Nativity.

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 LADIES' GUILD has those very wonderful \$5.00 gift certificates available again for Panera Bread. These have been very popular in past years. Don't wait until they run out.

THE CHOIR will be singing at the annual Christmas concert at St. Anthony's Church in Lawrence on Saturday, Dec. 19, after Vespers. Please plan to attend and enjoy the wonderful offerings by various local Church Choirs, especially our own.

**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.

CONGRATULATIONS! To our new parish council officers:

President: George Touma
Vice President: Steven Kamal
Secretary: John Fox
Treasurer: Chadi Mekhael

We thank them and their families for the donation of their time, talent, and energy. We also pray for them that God will receive their offering and reward them with many blessings.
MAY GOD GRANT THEM MANY YEARS!