

**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*

**December 6, 2009**

**THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Tone -1

Eothina -4

**THE TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION in tone 1**

**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 Preparatory to Christmas in Tone 3**

Today the Virgin cometh, cometh unto the cave, to give birth to the Word who was born before all ages, Begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice therefore, O Universe if thou shouldst hear, and glorify with the Angels and the shepherds. Glorify Him who by His will shall become a new-born Babe, and who is our God before all Ages.

**THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:**

**THOSE IN NURSING HOMES and SENIOR CARE FACILITIES,** 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, Violette 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. the Conception of the Theotokos.

**An ADULT FAITH DISCUSSION** will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM.

**THE DIVINE LITURGY** will be celebrated on Saturday morning for the feast of St. Spyridon the Wonderworker.

**THE NATIVITY FAST** began on Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and lasts through Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. From Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, we abstain from meat, dairy products, and eggs. From then on we abstain from Fish, Olive Oil and Alcohol as well until Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>. (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 Saint George's Church 2009 FoodFair fundraiser

This is to share with you how successful the event was in uniting everyone together in support of our church. This is an acknowledgment of all of whom participated in making this event possible whether in donating, cooking or attending and buying despite the rain

**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.

**WE STILL HAVE** some frozen kibbeh and grape leaves and date bread which are available. Please see Ramza after Church to supply your freezer for Christmas.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2009

<b>Thursday, Dec. 24:</b>	<b>9:00 AM Royal Hours of the Nativity</b> <b>11:00 AM Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil</b> (Christmas Gospel) <b>5:00 PM Great Compline with Litya</b> <b>6:30 PM Matins</b> <b>8:30 Divine Liturgy</b> (Adoration of Magi Gospel)
<b>Saturday, Dec. 26:</b>	<b>7:30 AM Matins</b> <b>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy for the Theotokos</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 27</b>	<b>8:30 Noctourns</b> <b>8:50 AM Matins</b> <b>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for St. Stephen</b> <b>&amp; the Sunday After Nativity</b>

#### The pies and some of the Kaak were made in the church's kitchen by:

Barbara Firth	Clara Coutermarsh	Fr.Ed. Hughes	Gayle Kamal
Gerrie Deschenes	John Fox	Jocelyn Abuhaidar	Kh. Anna Hughes
Kristen Kraunelis	Liz. Hughes	Lorraine Kalil	Lynn Hajjar
Naime Touma	Najla Abourizk	Norma Samra	Velva Kraunelis
Souad McGowan	Rima Nakkoul	Ramza Touma	George Touma

#### Food that was cooked at home and donated by:

<b>Baked kibbie:</b>	Velva Kraunelis	Therese Zalakit	Hala Nakkoul
<b>Kibbie balls:</b>	Bahia Mekhael		
<b>Stuffed grape leaves:</b>	Rima Nakkoul,	Lynn Hajjar	
<b>Stuffed cabbage:</b>	Amira Nakkoul		
<b>Chicken &amp; Rice:</b>	Kh. Anna Hughes		
<b>Rice Pilaf:</b>	Najla Abourizk		
<b>Pickled turnip</b>	Ramza Touma		
<b>Hummus:</b>	Cedars International		
<b>Taboulie:</b>	Ramza & Cedars International		

#### Parsley, onions and tomatoes for the pies and taboulie was donated by Cedars

#### Baked cookies, bread and other sweets were made at home and donated by:

<b>Kaak:</b>	Louise Haddad
<b>Baklava:</b>	Souad McGowan and Norma Samra
<b>Macaroon:</b>	May Hajjar and Mary Haddad
<b>Cookies:</b>	Gayle Kamal, Brenda Kamal, and Odette Cook
<b>Ginger Bread:</b>	Odette Cook
<b>Zucchini Bread:</b>	Gayle Kamal
<b>Date nut bread &amp; fig squares:</b>	Barbara Firth
<b>Maamoul:</b>	Caroline Zakhem and Naime Touma
<b>Apple pies:</b>	Vivian Runion
<b>Ghreibe</b>	Ramza Touma
<b>Barazek</b>	Nisrene Pelland:
<b>Pumpkin bread</b>	Sara Marshall

#### Crafts were donated by:

<b>Afghans, booties, hats, etc...</b>	Ann Balsamo
<b>Dish cloths, kitchen towels, etc...</b>	Edna Aboshar
<b>2 baskets</b>	Sara Marshall

**Cash donations towards the expense of the food fair were made by:** Kristen Kraunelis, Nancy Carpenter, Norma Samra, Souad McGowan, Clara Coutermarsh, Inas Saad and Loraine Kalil

**Alexis Valhouli and Real Deschenes helped on the grill and Jack Marshall helped in sales on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday Lynn Hajjar made the coffee hour and sold more.**

Many thanks!! May Saint George reward you with his blessings and protection as we look forward to continue our supporting efforts any way possible.

*Our apology if we missed any participant's name.*