

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*

February 21, 2010

The First Sunday of the Great Fast

The Triumph of Orthodoxy

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 the FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT in Tone 2:

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness for our sins, O Christ our God; for by thine own will thou didst ascend the Cross in thy body, to save thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since thou didst come, O our Saviour, to save the world.

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 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 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, 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.

WE WELCOME Fr. Dionysius Wilhelm who is serving while Father Edward is conducting a Lenten Retreat near New Orleans.

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

GREAT COMPLINE will be celebrated by the area clergy HERE at 7:00 pm Monday evening.

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY will be celebrated on Wednesday Evening at 6:00 PM. A Lenten covered dish supper will follow in the hall.

THE SECOND AKATHIST hymns to the Theotokos will be sung on Friday evening at 7:00

DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM as a general memorial, as well as for the feast of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn.

GREAT LENT began on Monday, February 15th. With God's help we will be abstaining from all meat, dairy, eggs, fish, olive oil, and alcohol until Holy Pascha (April 4th). Olive oil and alcohol is allowed on the weekends. May God grant us a blessed and beneficial fast.

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.

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 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.

APPLICATIONS for the Larry Erban Scholarship, Yvonne Keamy Scholarship and the Francis Maria Scholarship are on the parish website, under *Sunday School*. The American Lebanese Awareness Association Scholarship is available at the mareeda. The Erban Scholarship is for students in our parish graduating from high school this year. The Keamy Scholarship is for students in our parish finishing their first year of college. The Maria Scholarship is for any graduating high school student in the Archdiocese. The ALAA Scholarship is for graduating high school students and college students who are of Lebanese descent. Graduating high school seniors will receive information from the Diocese on the Fellowship of St. John Scholarships by mail.

Save the Date! The 72nd Annual Parish Life Conference is being hosted by St. George Cathedral Worcester the weekend of June 18-20. Rooms start at only \$98. Call the Sturbridge Host Hotel to book your room today. (508) 347-7393 <http://www.sturbridgehosthotel.com>

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN ARABIC

Abána ládhi fees samawát liyáta qáddas ismuk. Liyáti malakoótook. Lítakoon masheé'atook, kamá fis samáy kadhálik 'álah 'ard. Khúbzanal jówhary á'teenal yowm; wátrook lána ma aláina, kamá nátrooku náhnu leéman lána 'aláihy. Walá tudkhílna fy tájriba, lákin nájjeena meénash shareér.

Teen SOYO Spaghetti Luncheon this Sunday

Remember to join your friends and family this Sunday, February 21st after Liturgy for a hearty Lenten Spaghetti Lunch prepared by our parish teens. Enjoy oodles of pasta (tomato sauce or pesto -- you choose!), garlic bread, salad, sauteed vegetables. And home-made dessert treats, too. All proceeds to benefit the activities of our Teen SOYO.

Date: Sunday, February 21st

Time: After Liturgy, 11:30 a.m.

Location: St. George Orthodox Church dining hall

Suggested donation: \$7

