

**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*

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**March 14, 2010**

**The Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast**

**St. John of Mt. Sinai, author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent***

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.

**THE TROPARION TO ST. JOHN OF MT SINAI in Tone 8:**

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John, intercede with Christ God to save 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 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 THE HOSPITAL:** Elaine Orefice,

**THOSE IN NURSING HOMES and SENIOR CARE FACILITIES,** Walter Phillips, Eva Elias, 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, Lorraine Kalil, Albert Kamal, David Hadad, Nassif Hamaoui, Jeanette Hamaoui, Wadad Hamuae, Geraldine Allaire, Christine Hassan, Bernard 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.

**JOSEPHINE SAMRA SHIEPE** fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday evening. She was buried from here on Saturday. Our prayers go with her as she continues her new life in the Lord. **MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

**COFFEE HOUR** is sponsored by Gayle Kamal.

**GREAT COMPLINE** will be celebrated by the area clergy here at St. George at 7:00 pm Monday evening.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL** will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM.

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

**THE GREAT CANON** with the life of St. Mary of Egypt will be sung on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM

**THE LAST 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 for the Feast of Akathist Saturday.

**GREAT LENT** began on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. With God's help we will be abstaining from all meat, dairy, eggs, fish, olive oil, and alcohol until Holy Pascha (April 4<sup>th</sup>). 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 sturbridgehosthotel.com

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER IN ARABIC**

Abána ládhi fees samawát liyáta qáddas ismuk. Liyáti malakoótook. Lítakoon mashee'atook, kamá fis samáy 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.

### **ANNUAL LENTEN SUPPER**

**FRIDAY, March 26, 2010**

**4:00-6:30 PM**

**Menu**

**Baked Haddock with Crumb Topping**

**Majadra (Lentils and Rice)**

**Hummos-Cole Slaw-Dessert**

**Beverage**

**(Eat In or Take Out)**

**Adults - \$13.00 Children (under 12) \$8.00**

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28,**

7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins

**GREAT & HOLY MONDAY,  
MARCH 29,**

9:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins

**GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY,  
MARCH 30,**

9:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins

**GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 31,**

9:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 PM Holy Oil Service

**GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY,  
APRIL 1,**

7:00 AM Bridegroom Matins

8:30 AM Vespers Liturgy

6:30 PM 12 Gospel Passion Service

**GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY  
APRIL 2,**

9:00 AM Royal Hours

3:00 PM Vespers

6:30 PM Lamentation Matins

**GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY  
APRIL 3,**

9:00 AM Vespers Liturgy

10:00 PM Nocturns

10:15 PM Rush Service

10:45 PM Orthros

11:30 PM Liturgy

followed by a meal in the hall

**HOLY PASCHA, APRIL 4,**

12:00 Noon, Agape Vespers

**BRIGHT WEEK, APRIL 5 - 10**

9:00 AM Liturgy

7:00 PM Vespers (not Thursday)