

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*

March 21, 2010

The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

St. Mary of Egypt

Tone -8

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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: Alice Samia

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.

MEMORIAL TRISAGION is offered today as a 40 day memorial for Joseph Kamal by his family. **MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

WE WELCOME TODAY Fr. Dionysius Wilhelm who is serving Liturgy while Father Ed is participating in an ordination in Phoenix.

ELAINE OREFICE 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 the Kamal family in memory of Joseph.

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

EVENING DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on Wednesday Evening at 6:00 PM for the Feast of the Annunciation. A Lenten covered dish supper (fish allowed) will follow in the hall.

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY will be celebrated on Friday morning at 8:30 AM.

DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM for Lazarus Saturday.

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.

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.

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- 1- leave a message for the church in general
- 2- Leave a message specifically for Fr. Edward
- 3- Hear directions to the Church
- 4- Hear the regular service schedule
- 5- Leave an emergency message for Fr. Edward

** These emergency messages are relayed directly to Fr. Edward*

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)