

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*

MAY 16, 2010

THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS

OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL HELD IN NICEA

Tone -6

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THE TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION in Tone 6

Angelic powers did stand above Thy tomb, and they that guarded were as dead, And Mary stood at Thy grave searching for Thy precious body. Thou didst conquer Hades, and was not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst bestow life. O Thou that art Risen from the dead, O Lord glory to Thee.

THE TROPARION FOR THE HOLY FATHERS in Tone 8:

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to thee.

THE TROPARION OF THE ASCENSION in tone 4

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of 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 FOR THE ASCENSION in Tone 6:

When thou didst fulfill thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto thy beloved, I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES and SENIOR CARE FACILITIES, Alice Samia, Walter Phillips, Eva Elias, Fred Kiamie, Marjorie Clarridge, Hanna Nakkoul.

THOSE ILL, IN PAIN, OR SHUT IN BY INFIRMITY: Fouad Hajjar, 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. For all those members of Elaine's family and friends who are helping to prepare the forty day memorial.

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

DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on Friday morning at 9:00 AM for the Feast of Saints Constantine and Helen.

DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM for Soul Saturday. A memorial for all of our departed will be sung.

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.

SPONSORS are needed for Coffee Hour. Several families can join together. Very little is actually necessary – you don't have to serve a full luncheon.

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 masheé'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.

AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!

The weekend of May 29th and 30th, we welcome His Grace, Bishop ANTOUN as our guest for a return visit to St. George, Boston, in honor of his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood by Metropolitan ANTONY Bashir 50 years ago on May 29, 1960. Bishop ANTOUN will celebrate Great Vespers with us on Saturday, May 29th at 6:00p.m. and the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 30th at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Special Parish Family Coffee Hour. We look forward to his visit and are honored that Sayidna will be with us to celebrate where it all began.

May God grant him Many Years.

The Parish Phone, 978-685-4052: provides several options:

- 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.