

Great Lent at St. George Church



"Do this in Memory of Me"

Great Lent 2019 Begins Monday, March 11th and continues thru Saturday, April 27th Schedule of Lenten Services

Compline is an evening service composed of a series of prayers, readings and psalms, in which we ask God to forgive our sins. We also ask that He grant us rest of body and soul as we retire for sleep, and to preserve us from the temptations of the Devil.

Compline will be prayed here in Arabic every **Monday evening at 6:30 pm** with the exception of **Monday, March 25th and April 1st** read below.

Diocesan Compline services are offered every **Monday evening at 7pm** in a different church of the diocese.

- March 11—Norwood
- March 18—Dedham
- March 25—Pawtucket
- **March 25—No Arabic Compline ; Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation at 6:30PM**
- **April 1—West Roxbury (6:30PM)**
- April 8—Cotuit
- April 15—Worcester (**6:30PM**)

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is a weekday liturgy offered during Great Lent so that the faithful can receive communion on days of strict fasting. The distinguishing characteristic of this liturgy is that the Eucharistic Canon [Anaphora and Consecration] is not served but rather the faithful receive communion from the eucharistic gifts which were consecrated [Presanctified Gifts] at the previous Sunday Liturgy. This Liturgy was written by St. Gregory, the Pope of Rome in the sixth century.

Presanctified Liturgy will be served here every **Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm** with a pot luck supper to follow.

The Akathist [Medayeh] Hymn is a poem comprised of 24 stanzas of praises directed to the Mother of God. In them, the events related to our Lord's incarnation pass before us for our contemplation. Each of us has our own need; each our own desire or expectation, and each of us is asked to find our own particular spiritual need satisfied and fulfilled in Our Lord and in the Mother of God. The Akathist hymn is an inspired means of expressing gratitude and praise to the Mother of God for the part she has played in our salvation.

The **Akathist Hymn** will be prayed here every **Friday evening at 6:30 pm**.

St. George Antiochian Women's Luncheon—Sunday, March 17th (see flyer)

Great and Holy Week is from **Palm Sunday April 21st thru Pascha Sunday April 28th**.