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PROGRAMME OF HOLY SERVICES FEBRUARY and MARCH 2019

FRIDAY 1 February	ST. TRYPHON THE GREAT MARTYR Matins, Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water	7:30 - 10:00 a.m.
SATURDAY 2 February	PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE Matins and Divine Liturgy	7:30 - 10:00 a.m.
SUNDAY 3 February	16TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW Matins and Divine Liturgy	7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
SUNDAY 10 February	17TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW - ST. HARALAMBOS THE HIEROMARTYR Matins and Divine Liturgy	7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
SUNDAY 17 February	16TH SUNDAY OF LUKE (PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE) Matins and Divine Liturgy	7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
SUNDAY 24 February	17TH SUNDAY OF LUKE (THE PRODIGAL SON) Matins and Divine Liturgy	7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
SATURDAY 2 March	SATURDAY OF SOULS Matins and Divine Liturgy Following, Memorial Service for the repose of those who have departed.	7:30 - 10:00 a.m.
SUNDAY 3 March	MEATFARE SUNDAY Matins and Divine Liturgy Following, Blessing of Water Service (Agiasmos) for the new School Year.	7:30 - 11:00 a.m.
SATURDAY 9 March	THE HOLY ASCETICS Matins and Divine Liturgy Following, Memorial Service for the repose of those who have departed.	7:30 - 10:00 a.m.
SUNDAY 10 March	CHEESEFARE SUNDAY Matins and Divine Liturgy	7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

On Sunday, 10th of March, at the Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady, the Vespers Service of **Forgiveness** will take place, with the participation of Clergy and Faithful 7:00 - 8.00 p.m.

SATURDAY OF SOULS

On the Saturday before Meatfare Sunday, the Church has a Memorial Service for all those who fallen asleep. As we know, on the following day, the Church reminds us of the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, on this preceding Saturday, we beseech "the fearful Judge" to be merciful not only to us who still live, but also to our deceased brothers and sisters at His fearsome and glorious Coming.

At these Memorial Services, Kollyva (boiled wheat) are offered and symbolise the resurrection of the bodies from the dead. They remind us that man is a seed that is buried in the earth at death, as is the seed of wheat, and will be resurrected by the power of God. This symbolism is based on the Lord's words: "*Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit*" (John 12:24). These words are complimented by Apostle Paul when he says: "*So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption it is raised in incorruption*" (1 Corinthians 15:42).

(From "The Mystery of Death" by Nikolaos P. Vassiliadis)