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## PROGRAMME OF HOLY SERVICES FEBRUARY 2020

*Note: The service of Vespers is conducted every Saturday at 5:00 p.m.*

SATURDAY            **ST. TRYPHON THE GREAT MARTYR**  
1 February            Matins, Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water            7:30 - 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY              **PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE**  
2 February            Matins and Divine Liturgy                                        7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of February: The Divine Liturgy in English 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY              **16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE (PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE)**  
9 February            Matins and Divine Liturgy                                        7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY             **ST. HARALAMBOS THE HIEROMARTYR**  
10 February           Matins and Divine Liturgy                                        7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY            **ST. VLASIOS THE HIEROMARTYR**  
11 February           Matins and Divine Liturgy                                        7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY              **17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE (THE PRODIGAL SON)**  
16 February           Matins and Divine Liturgy                                        7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY           **SATURDAY OF SOULS**  
22 February           Matins and Divine Liturgy                                        7:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
Following, Memorial Service for the repose of those who have departed.

SUNDAY              **MEATFARE SUNDAY**  
23 February           Matins and Divine Liturgy                                        7:30 - 11:00 a.m.

SATURDAY           **THE HOLY ASCETICS**  
29 February           Matins and Divine Liturgy                                        7:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
Following, Memorial Service for the repose of those who have departed.

SUNDAY              **CHEESEFARE SUNDAY**  
1 March                Matins and Divine Liturgy                                        7:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Following, Blessing of Water Service (Agiasmos) for the new School Year.

On **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> of March**, at the Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady, 242 Cleveland St, Redfern, the Vespers Service of Forgiveness will take place, officiated by **His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia** with the participation of all the Reverend 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)*