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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Tue-Fri 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

Weekend

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

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Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will
be available before the Divine
Liturgy or by appointment

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

A notice of at least 6 months should
be given to the pastor, before the
proposed wedding date to arrange
for the required interview and
instructions



10th Sunday after Pentecost

الاحد العاشر بعد العنصرة

Troparion of the resurrection (1st tone)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers were watching your sacred body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, O Giver of life, the powers of heaven cried out: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom, glory to your Plan of redemption, O You who alone are the Lover of mankind.

Troparion of the Dormition (1st tone)

In giving birth you have preserved your virginity and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death

Troparion of St Basil

Your voice has sounded all over the earth, that accepted your preaching. You gave a divine explanation of doctrine, and made clear the nature of creatures, and set a rule of life for men. Holy Father, and Kingly Priest, intercede with Christ God to grant us great mercy.

نشيد القيامة باللحن الاول

إن الحجر ختمه اليهود، وجسدك الطاهر حرسه الجنود. لكنك قمت في اليوم الثالث، أيها الخالص، واهباً للعالم الحياة. لذلك قواث السماوات هتفت اليك، يا مُعطي الحياة: المجد لقيامتك أيها المسيح. المجد لمليك. المجد لتديريك، يا محب البشر وحدك.

نشيد رقاد العذراء باللحن الاول

في ولادتك حفظت البتولية، وفي رقادك ما تركت العالم، يا والدة الاله. فانك انتقلت الى الحياة بما أنك ام الحياة. وبشفاعتك تُنقذين من الموت نفوسنا.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقتك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبِلت كلامك، الذي به بينت العقائد بياناً إلهياً، وأوضحت طبيعة الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الأب البار ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.





Our church organizations:

MAYA: Organization of Melkite Catholics ages 18 – 26 (and at least 1 year out of high school) under patronage of our bishop, the Most Reverend Nicholas Samra.
<https://melkite.org/maya>

MYO: Provides a common forum for all the young people of St. Basil's Church, and that the Organization initiate, coordinate, and direct religious, social, educational, and humanitarian programs designed to promote the involvement of its membership in the Christian Faith and the Melkite tradition.
www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com/myo.html

NAMW: Promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States.
<https://melkite.org/namw>



Kondakion of the Dormition (2nd tone)

Neither death nor the tomb could hold the Mother of God, our watchful Protectress and our unflinching hope. Since she is the Mother of Life. Christ who dwelt in her ever-virginal womb lifted her up to the eternal life

Epistle 1 Cor 4:9-16

PROKIMENON (Tone 1) Ps.32: 22, 11

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

Stichon: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

READING from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians

BRETHREN, I think God has set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death, so that we would become a spectacle to the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, but we are without honor! To this very hour, we hunger and thirst, and we are naked and buffeted and have no fixed home. And we labor, working with our own hands. We are reviled and we bless, we are persecuted and we bear with it, we are maligned and we console; we have become as the refuse of this world, the scum of all until this present time. I write these things, not to put you to shame, but to admonish you as my dearest children. For although you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, you have not many fathers. Therefore, I beg you, be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

ALLELUIA (Tone 1) Ps.17: 48, 50

O God, you granted me retribution and made peoples subject to me and saved me from my raging enemies.

Stichon: Therefore, I will proclaim you, o Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to your name.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gospel Matthew 17:14-23

At that time a man approached Jesus, and threw himself on his knees before him, saying, "Lord, have pity on my son, for he is a lunatic, and suffers severely; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him; and the devil went out of him, and from that moment the boy was cured. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and asked, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith; for amen I say to you, if you have faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here,' and it will move. And nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind can only be cast out by prayer and fasting." Now while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him: and on the third day he will rise again."

فندق الختام لرقاد العذراء باللحن الثاني

ان والدة الاله التي لا تكف عن الشفاعة، والرجاء الوطيد في التجيدات، لم تضبطها قبر ولا موت. بل بما انها ام الحياة، نقلها الى الحياة من سكن في مستودعها الدائم البتولية.

الرسالة للأحد العاشر بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

لتكن يا رب رحمتك علينا، بحسب اتكالنا عليك ابتهجوا أيها الصديقون بالرب، بالمستقيمين يليق التسبيح

الرسالة (1 كورنثس 4: 9 – 16)

يا إخوة، ان الله قد أبرزنا نحن الرسل آخري الناس، كأنا مجعولون للموت. لأننا فد صرنا مشهداً للعالم والملائكة والبشر. نحن جهال من أجل المسيح، أما أنتم فحكماؤ في المسيح. نحن ضعفاء، أما أنتم فأقوياء. أنتم مكرّمون، أما نحن فمهانون. وحتى هذه الساعة نجوع ونعطش، ونعري ونلظم ولا قرار لنا، ونتعب عاملين بأيدينا. نُشتم فنبارك، نُضطهد فنحتمل. بُشع علينا فنترضع. قد صرنا كأقذار العالم، كأوساخ يستخبئها الجميع حتى الآن. ولا أكتب ذلك لإخجالكم، لكني أعظكم كأولادي الاحياء. لأنه ولو كان لكم ربوات من المعلمين في المسيح، ليس لكم آباء كثيرون، لأنني أنا ولدنكم في المسيح يسوع بالإنجيل. فأطلب إليكم أن تكونوا بي مقتدين.

هللوا—الله هو المنتقم لي، ومُخضع الشعوب تحتي المُعظّم خلاص الملك، والصانع رحمة إلى مسيحه.

الاحد العاشر بعد العنصرة

الانجيل (متى 17: 14-23)

في ذلك الزمان، دنا الى يسوع إنسان، فجننا له وقال: يا سيد، ارحم ابني، فإنه يعترني في رؤوس الأهلّة ويتألم جداً. فإنه كثيراً ما يقع في النار، وكثيراً في الماء. وقد قدّمته لتلاميذك فلم يستطيعوا أن يشفوه. فأجاب يسوع وقال: أيها الجيل الغير المؤمن الأعوج، إلى متى أكون معكم، حتى متى أحتملكم؟ إليّ به إلى ههنا. وانتهره يسوع، فخرج منه الشيطان، وشفى الغلام من تلك الساعة. حينئذ دنا التلاميذ إلى يسوع على انفراد وقالوا: لماذا لم نستطع نحن أن نخرجه؟ فقال لهم يسوع: لعدم إيمانكم. فالحق أقول لكم، لو كان لكم إيمان مثل حبة الخردل، لكنتم تقولون لهذا الجبل انتقل من ههنا إلى هناك، فينتقل، ولا يستحيل عليكم شيء. أما هذا الجنس فلا يخرج إلا بالصلاة والصوم. وإذ كانوا يطوفون في الجليل قال لهم يسوع: ان ابن الإنسان مزمع أن يسلم إلى أيدي الناس. فيقتلونه، وفي اليوم الثالث يقوم.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

TODAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022: TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. VIGIL OF THE DORMITION. PROPHET MICAH.

4:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **DONNA MAURICE (4th Anniv.)** by her husband Glenn & Daughter Alicia.
- + **CATHERINE KANDO** by Christine Durnin.
- + **MARJORIE NASHAWATY** by Pamela Desmarais.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Barbara & Vincent Soucar.

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **MARILYN ORTMANN** by Joanne, Tom, & Geoff Sabbagh.
- + **FRANCIS A. SAGGAL (Birthday Remem.)** by the Saggal & Pacheco Families.
- + **SAMUEL & FLAVIE RAHEB** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **LOUIS KISHFY** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ)** by Robert & Katie Gaboriault.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by Don & Jacqueline Waddington.



Prayer for the dead



O God of all spirits and of all flesh, who have destroyed death, overcome the devil, and given life to the world: grant, O Lord to the souls of your servants, who have departed from this life, that they may rest in a place of light, in a place of happiness, in a place of peace, where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing. And since You are gracious God and Lover of mankind, forgive them every sin they have committed by thought, or word, or deed, for there is not a man who lives and does not sin: You alone are without sin, your righteousness is everlasting, and your word is true.

For You are the Resurrection and the Life, and the Repose of your departed servants, O Christ our God, and we render glory to You, together with your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: August 7, 2022: Budgets: \$2,490.00: Envelopes: \$2,340.00, Loose: \$150.00; Candles: \$30.00; Stole Offerings: \$175.00; Building Fund: \$55.00.

PLEASE NOTE: Before making any **ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS**, please contact the Church in advance. We would rather not have you disappointed if you've already made commitments without checking our schedule first.

GENERAL HOME VISITATIONS, SICK CALLS, HOSPITAL VISITS: Father Ephrem has been fully vaccinated and is now available for these parish services. Just email him at office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com and leave him your message. **PLEASE! NO GRATUITIES!** A cup of coffee or tea is just fine. He looks forward to in-person contact.

Canon Law prohibits accepting stipends or offerings for Liturgies more than one year in advance (rolling calendar) Canon 953. The time within which Liturgies must be celebrated (1 year) begins the day the intention is received. (Canon 955 #2). Formerly under the jurisdiction of the local Latin Ordinaries before the Exarchate was established under the leadership of the late Bishop Justin Najmy of this Parish, all Melkites have been subject to the latter since its erection in 1966. The Constitution of the Melkite Eparchy which is now a sole Diocese since 1976 still acknowledges this definitive protocol. Our parishes follow local discipline in the various customs e.g every day clergy attire, stipends (Liturgy Offerings), etc. except in Liturgy and Ritual. Our relationship with the local Latin Dioceses and Latin pastors must be permeated with a spirit of love and friendship and cooperation.

PLEASE NOTE: Presently effective, the schedule of offerings in the parishes is now: Liturgies: \$25.00; Funerals: \$300.00; Weddings: \$300.00; Baptisms: \$100.00.

Thus far, all Liturgy Offerings received from Funerals, which exceeded more than one year or even more, have had the maximum and minimum celebrations. Surplus ones have been deposited in the Building Fund, and placed on the altar and remembered collectively, similar to the customs of Spiritual Bouquets, Perpetual Mass Enrollments & Memorial Cards, as in Chapels, Shrines, & Monasteries.

May the memories of our beloved deceased rest in peace & be eternal. Many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these canonical guidelines and restrictions.

SUMMER VACATIONS: While we wish safe, refreshing and enjoyable trips for all, we also bring to your attention that the summer experience here at your Parish results in fewer parishioners at Liturgy and community worship. Something is missing when the whole Parish Family is not here for prayer. The fullness of the community is lacking. The table at Our Lord's Banquet is missing some guests. There is also the reality that the support and donations take a nose-dive while our people are away. We strongly suggest that you consider making sure that your weekly donations will be sent to the Parish while you are away, in some way, no matter what. You may want to research how your bank provides a no cost to you automatic payment. Call them and ask how it is done. Ask anyone in the Church if they are on this plan: there are several who are. Please love your church enough to ensure its meeting of expenses while you are away. Thanks!

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
receive, seek and you
shall find, knock and it
shall be opened," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos, Your Most
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O Jesus, Who has said,
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Theotokos Your Most
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O Jesus, Who has said,
"Heaven and earth shall
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THIS YEAR'S SUMMER FESTIVAL, EID EL SAYDEH, SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th and SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th:

(No outside food, drinks or hookahs allowed – Rain or Shine this event will take place)

Fun for All Ages and an Excellent Arabic Cuisine for two days!

Many volunteers are needed to help with set-up: activities, cooking, clean up, and tear down. Various donations, and banners are most welcomed and needed. You may sign up with *Samir Boudjouk* in the lobby of the Church or with any member of the Committee.

Through your support and participation, the many beautiful traditions of our religious and cultural heritage will continue from generation to generation. Looking forward to seeing you all next weekend.

“To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.”

When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better. Concentrate on this sentence. “The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.” Something good will happen to you today, something that you have been waiting to hear. ‘God our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries and illnesses, and please watch over and heal my family in your name. Amen.’ Does God come first in your life? If so, stop and Watch what He does. Amen.

FEAST OF THE DORMITION, AUGUST 15th: According to a very early Christian legend, while the apostles were scattered all over the then-known world, preaching the Gospel, Mary remained in Jerusalem in the house of John. Her love of God, like an ardent flame, burned steadily in her body. Finally, it was revealed to her that her life was about to end - she wished to see the Twelve once more before she died. Each one of them was miraculously carried away from where he happened to be and borne on a cloud to the house on Mount Sion in Jerusalem where Mary was approaching death: each one of them, that is, except Thomas. They saw Christ Himself come down from heaven and receive the soul of His Mother in his arms. They took her holy body and placed it in the tomb prepared for it in the valley of Cedron near Gethsemani. Thomas arrived three days later, when all was over. He wished to see for the last time the face of the woman who had been the Temple of God. He went with the other apostles to the tomb, which they opened: they found it empty, but heard an angelic concert. Mary herself appeared to them and confirmed the fact of her Assumption into heaven. (This feast became popular throughout the Byzantine Empire between the years 588 and 602. The Roman Pontiff Theodore the First (642-649), an Easterner from Jerusalem, introduced it to Rome and the West).

This Sunday, August 14th, after the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, a Solemn Procession to the Shrine of Our Lady of Tenderness will take place, and hymns in English and Arabic will be chanted in her honor on this Solemn Occasion of her Assumption into heaven. Everyone is welcomed to attend and then enjoy EID EL SAYDEH on the church grounds, with the luscious cuisine prepared by our talented parishioners. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Dear Parishioners: We trust your summer has been a pleasant and safe one thus far, & that you found time to relax with family and friends; and enjoy some precious time as well. We hope and pray that you will also enjoy this year's Summer Festival with a break from the heat wave.

REFLECTION: “Good friends are like stars, you don't always see them, but you know they are always there.”

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الصلاة ، الصوم والإيمان

الصوم واجب كنسي يجب أن نلتزم به إذا كنا مؤمنين حقا. البعض يتوهم أن الصوم غير ضروري فهذا ضلال، لأن الصوم والصلاة هما جناحان اللذان بهما نستطيع ان نلحق إلى السماء.

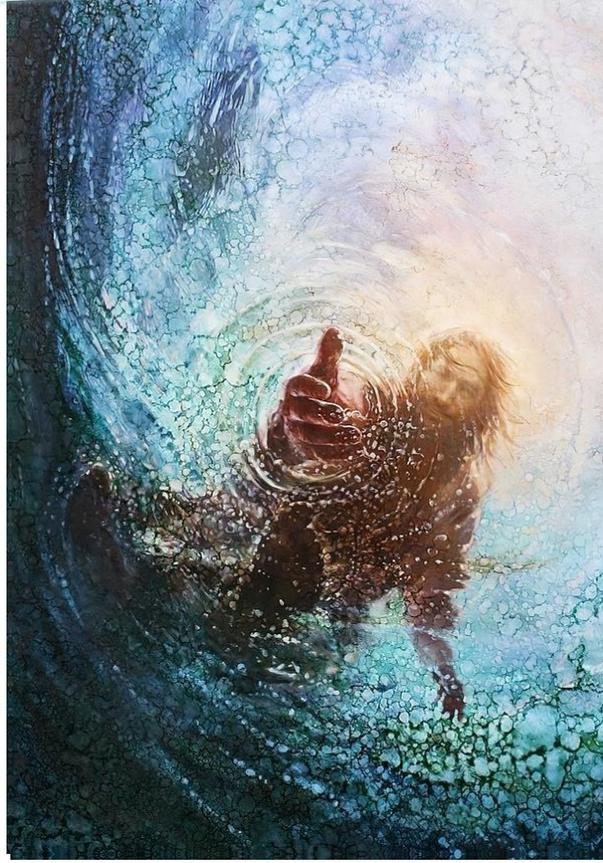
لقد جاء الجواب صريحا من الرب يسوع: "بالصلاة والصوم"، فالصلاة والصوم هما اللذان يحفظان الإيمان. لأن الصلاة هي كالرئة في الجسم. فالرئة تحمل الهواء النقي اللازم للجسم، والصلاة تحمل هواء النعمة التي بها تغلب على جميع تجارب الدنيا. إن لم يكن الرب وحده موضوع رجاء فلن يأتي الينا، وبالتالي فنحن غير قادرين على فعل شيء. إن لم تكن الصلاة والصوم افتقاراً لمشيئته، ولندعه يتصرف بحياتنا، حينئذ نحصل على النعم الكثيرة التي تفوق التصور البشري.

علينا أن لا نتردد في حياتنا على الأرض ونترك أنفسنا عرضة لتيارات التجارب ونقول أن الوقت بعيد ولا زلنا نملك الفرصة.

هذه هي علامات العبودية لإبليس والدخول في مملكته، حيث يفقد الإنسان أثره الداخلي وسلامه. فيصير في حالة صرغ، ويخسر كل سلام حقيقي. يعيش في آلام داخلية عنيفة، ويُلقيه في صراعات متضاربة، تارة يلتهب بنار الغضب العنيف يحرق كل ما هو حوله، بل يحرق نفسه في نيران لا تنطفئ، وتارة يترمي في مياه الشهوات الجسدية ومحبة العالم، مستهيناً بكل شيء من أجل لذة مؤقتة. في مرارة نقول أن الإنسان بخضوعه للخاطبة وارتباطه بمملكة الظلمة يفقد سلام فكره وجسده وروحه، فيعجز عن التفكير السليم ويخسر حياته الروحية، وحتى الجسد أيضاً يصير تحت الألم!

كلنا بحاجة إلى أشفية إلهية، تلك التي تعطينا السلام والراحة والأمان والفرح والشعور بالاطمئنان. معاصينا كبيرة فلنتحرر منها باسم يسوع المسيح الذي ختم الإنجيل اليوم بقوله للتلاميذ ومن معه بأنه بعد فترة وجيزة سيصلب ويعذب من أجنا ومن ثم يقوم.

الرب، ليس بحاجة لا إلى اموالك، او وقتك، ممتلكاتك، امكانياتك، صوتك، موهبتك... بمعنى، الله لا يحتاج إلى ما تملك، لأن ما تملك ليس لك، ما تملك ليس انت... الله يحتاجك انت، يحتاج قلبك، وقلبك هو لك، ويريد ان يكون له... فلا تحاول ان تعطيه اموراً خارجة عنك.. بل اعطه انت، ، يريد كل حياتك، كل قلبك، فأعطه له، عندذاك يكون خلاصك...



عدم الإيمان هو العائق الذي حرم حتى التلاميذ من إمكانية إخراج الشيطان، لأنه عندما قالوا له: لماذا لم نقدر أن نخرجه؟ أجابهم قائلاً: "لعدم إيمانكم". إن كان الرسل غير مؤمنين، فمن هم المؤمنون؟ ماذا نفعل نحن الجملان إن كانت الكباش تهتز؟ لكن الله برحمته لم يستخف بهم في عدم إيمانهم، بل انتهرهم وسندهم، جعلهم كاملين... لقد شعروا بضعفهم إذ قالوا في موضع آخر: "زد إيماننا" (لو 17: 5)، وكان لمعرفة نقصهم نفعا عظيماً، إذ تعرّفوا على من يسألونه... توجّهوا بقلوبهم إلى الينبوع فارعين ليفتح لهم فيمتلئون، فقد أراد أن يقرع عليه البشر. لقد عجز التلاميذ عن طرد الشيطان بسبب عدم إيمانهم. لهذا نصحبهم السيد بالصوم والصلاة لمساندتهم في طرده بالإيمان، إذ يقول: "الحق أقول لكم لو كان لكم إيمان مثل حبة خردل، لكنتم تقولون لهذا الجبل انتقل من هنا إلى هناك فينتقل، ولا يكون شيء غير ممكن لديكم. وأما هذا الجنس فلا يخرج إلا بالصلاة والصوم". هكذا يربط السيد المسيح الإيمان بالصلاة والصوم، فإن كنا بالإيمان نخنفي في المسيح يسوع ربنا الحال فينا، ليطرد العدو عنا هذا الذي لا يقدر أن يقف أمامه، فإن إيماننا هذا لا يكون عاملاً بدون الجهاد خلال الصلاة والصوم.

فالصلاة: لها قوة عظيمة كونها كلمة الله التي علمنا إياها يسوع نفسه وهي أبنا الذي لا تدخلنا في التجارب لكن نجنا من الشرير. إذا الصلاة ضرورة للخلاص، لا خلاص لنا إلا بالصلاة، لكن ليس كل صلاة مقبولة، إذ ليس كل من يقول يارب يارب يدخل ملكوت السموات أو ليس كل من يأتي إلى الكنيسة رفع عتب أو مجرد واجب بحكم مسؤوليته أو بحكم وظيفته حتما سيخلص.

المسيح يسمي إيماننا هكذا ناقصا وضعيفا، إيمان كهذا كما يوضحه الإنجيل ليس لهذه الحياة المليئة بالصعاب والتجارب. الإيمان دون الصلاة والصوم يكون سطحي وظاهري وغير فعال. الصلاة تجب أن تكون بإيمان وبتواضع ومحبة وعطاء.

الصلاة هي العشرة مع الله، الإنسان دائما هو كائن قلق وتائها، اذا كان خارج العشرة مع الله.

أحبائي: ما هذا الشرف الكبير إذ تقفون أمام الله، ملك الملوك ورب الأرباب وتخطبوه وجه لوجه، أي إنسان يسمح لكل فقير أن يقف أمامه كل مرة يريد مكالمته، سوى الرب يسوع المسيح، لهذا قال لنا اطلبوا تجدوا اقرعوا يفتح لكم وكل ما تطلبونه من أبي باسمي تتألهونه. اذا لماذا مستمرين في تكاسلنا عن الصلاة كل يوم وكل مرة تعرض علينا التجارب؟ لماذا نترك أنفسنا بيد الشيطان؟ لماذا لا نسرع حالا إلى الالتجاء إلى يسوع بإيمان وبتواضع ومحبة. كل إنسان مهما كان غنيا أو مشهورا أو مسؤولا كبيرا يحتاج إلى الصلاة فيصلي إلى الله الذي يعطي بسخاء الجميع ولكن صلاته تكون بثقة وتواضع.

Little Faith and Effective Faith



Are you trusting in something little or something big? Little faith trusts in something little, while effective faith trusts in God.

1) Little faith = faith in something little

Little faith means faith in something little, basically anything smaller than God. What were the disciples trusting when they tried to drive out the demon? Certainly not God! They were trusting something else, perhaps their own ability, perhaps their past experiences. They were probably thinking, "We've done this before. We've got this!" They were forgetting about that whole submit yourselves to God first before you resist the devil.

The reason they were unable to cast out the demon is because they were exercising the wrong kind of faith. They were exercising little faith rather than true faith in God. Their faith was a defective faith. The disciples asked Jesus, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" Jesus tells them it is because of their "little faith."

2) Effective faith = faith in God

If little faith is defective faith, then what is effective faith? Effective faith means faith in God. Do you want effective faith? Then put your faith in something big. And nothing is bigger than God!

You know, the disciples may have failed to drive out the demon, but they did the right thing here by coming to Jesus. When you fail in your Christian walk, come to Jesus. Talk it out with him. Ask him what's wrong. Don't be afraid. He will not cast you aside. He loves you, and he is there to help you.

Even a small amount of faith in God can do big things

"I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20b)

The mustard seed was the smallest seed around, and so the mustard seed represents something very small. The mountain here represents something big, something you could never move on your own. Jesus is saying you don't need a large amount of faith to do big things. You just need true faith. You need faith in God. You don't move the mountain anyways. It's God who moves the mountain. Your faith makes a difference not because your faith is great but because God is great. Don't focus on the size of your faith but on the size of God.

And so, Jesus isn't telling you to go around moving actual mountains to impress your friends and relatives. He is talking about how even the smallest amount of faith in God can do big things.

How are faith and prayer related? Prayer is one of the primary ways you express your faith. Faith and prayer both demonstrate dependency on God. I like the way one writer puts it: "Faith like a grain of mustard seed is simply faith that says its prayers.... **Prayerlessness is powerlessness.**" (Frederick Dale Bruner, Matthew, p. 620)

Jesus says even the smallest amount of faith in God can do big things. There is a big difference between faith in something little and even a small amount of faith in a big God.

So, if true faith is effective, and little faith fails, how do we practice true

faith instead of little faith? The Bible gives us three key instructions in this area.

1) Believe God's word (Psalm 145:13)

First of all, believe God's word. Psalm 145:13 says: "The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made." (Psalm 145:13) God is faithful, and his word is true. If you want to practice true faith that moves mountains, you need to believe God's word.

2) Trust God's character (Hebrews 11:6)

Secondly, trust God's character. Hebrews 11:6 says: "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." (Hebrews 11:6) Trust God's character. Trust his goodness – his lovingkindness towards you and his faithfulness to his word.

3) Submit to God's will (1 John 5:14-15)

And then thirdly, submit to God's will. We read in 1 John 5:14-15: "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him." (1 John 5:14-15)

True faith submits to God's will. God doesn't promise you that if you have enough faith, you can do anything you want. That would be dangerous! Would you trust your two-year old with that kind of power? Would you trust even your husband or wife with that kind of power? Would you trust yourself with that kind of power? Well, guess what? God doesn't trust us with that kind of power either! Which is really wise of him and really good for us.

Faith is not a magic gift card to spend however you choose. True faith doesn't ask for what you want. True faith asks for what God wants. God knows what's best anyways. True faith submits to God's will.

It's like the difference between thin ice and thick ice. Thin ice is like little faith, that is, faith in the wrong object. It doesn't matter how much confidence you have, when you go out on the thin ice, you're falling through. That's why the disciples couldn't cast out the demon. They were skating on thin ice. They were trusting the wrong thing.

Now think about thick ice. Thick ice is like trusting God. Imagine ice that is twelve feet thick. It doesn't matter how timid you are, how little faith you may have, if you have just enough faith to venture out on the ice, you are going to be fine. It's not the size of your faith that counts. It's the thickness of the ice. It's the same way with faith in God.

So, if small faith in God is all that is needed, then why do we need to grow in our faith? It all depends on how you want to go through life. Do you want to go through life anxious and nervous, timid and trembling while walking around on ice twelve feet thick? Or do you want to step out with confidence on the thick ice of God's power and love and move about freely? That's the difference between small faith in God and big faith in God. Don't settle for little faith, that is, faith in something little. Have faith in God. But don't settle for a small amount of faith in God either. We all need to grow in our faith in God.

Dormition of the Theotokos: Feast Day and Icon



The Falling Asleep of the Theotokos

Although the Dormition of the Theotokos is not in scripture, we know a lot of what happened from Tradition. When the time came for the soul of the Theotokos to be united with her son in heaven, the apostles and disciples were brought mysteriously to Jerusalem. This happened so they could all be present as she died. And they were all present – all except for Thomas. After the death and funeral of the Theotokos, the apostles entombed her in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Q: Why did the Theotokos die, even though she, like Christ, was born immaculate?

A: Because it is fitting that she be united and conformed to Christ in all things, including experiencing death.

The 2nd Empty Tomb

Three days after the burial, St. Thomas arrived in Jerusalem. Although he had missed the funeral, he desired to see the Theotokos one last time. The apostles agreed to open the tomb. Then the apostles again found an empty tomb! Therefore, we rejoice that St. Thomas arrived a little late. That is how we know that the Theotokos' body is already united with her soul in heaven. And how fitting it is!

The Icon

The first obvious feature of the Dormition Icon, is that it shows the separation of the soul and body of the Theotokos. Christ is holding the soul of the Theotokos, as a new babe in heaven.

The apostles are gathered around the Theotokos just as they are in icons of the Apostles waiting with the Theotokos in the Upper Room. St. Paul is on the right, bending low at the bier. St. Peter is at the left, incensing her body. There are three other bishops present, including St. Timothy, James the first bishop of Jerusalem, and St. Dionysius. In some icons, there is also a small figure trying to disrupt the bier with the

Theotokos. This symbolizes those trying to spread the heresy that the Theotokos was not the Mother of God. When this figure is present, an angel smites this figure, expressing the victory of truth at the Council of Ephesus.

Also, there is a single candlestick in the background, which is a symbol hearkening to the words of St. Cosmos, "Thy Son, O Virgin, has truly made thee dwell in the holy of Holies as a bright candlestick, aflame with immaterial fire, as a golden censer burning with divine coals."

Falling Asleep

The event of the Dormition, as pictured in icons, expresses the Christian understanding of death. In particular, it shows the soul taken up into heaven. And then, because we know Christ reunited the soul of the Theotokos with her body, the event also foreshadows our own future; the resurrection of the body is what will happen for us too, at the end of time.

This is why, when a loved one dies, we often seek comfort in this icon.

The Crowning

Some Dormition icons include a scene above Christ showing the crowning of the Theotokos as Queen of Heaven. Other Eastern Churches have this event in a separate icon. In Ukraine, such an icon is titled: "The Son Crowns the Mother, the Holy Spirit Sanctifies the Bride, The Father Blesses the Daughter." Other representations show this event as a triple crowning. As the Queen of Heaven and most perfect adorer of the Trinity, the Theotokos is crowned by God the Father as His beloved daughter, and by God the Son as His dearest mother, and also by God the Holy Spirit as His chosen spouse.

Another version of this icon is based on an Old Testament passage from Psalm 45 (44 in Vulgate). Which is fitting given the Trinity icon is based on the Hospitality of Abraham. We call this icon "The Queen Stands at Your Right."

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek *kimisis*) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

Biblical Story

The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, "Woman, behold your son!" and to John, "Behold your mother!" (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.

Icon of the Feast

The Icon of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos shows her on her deathbed surrounded by the Apostles. Christ is standing in the center (1.) looking at His mother. He is holding a small child clothed in white representing the soul of the Virgin Mary. With His golden garments, the angels above His head, and the mandorla surrounding Him, Christ is depicted in His divine glory.



1. Christ, appearing in His Glory, stands in the center of the icon cradling the soul of His Mother, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

The posture of the Apostles direct attention toward the Theotokos (2.). On the right Saint Peter censes the body of the Theotokos. On the left Saint Paul (3.) bows low in honor of her.



2. The Apostles bow their heads in reverence to the Theotokos as Saint Peter (right) censes her body (detail).

Together with the Apostles are several bishops (4.) and women. The bishops traditionally represented are James, the brother of the Lord, Timothy, Heirotheus, and Dionysius the Areopagite. They are shown wearing episcopal vestments. The women are members of the church in Jerusalem.

3. The Apostle Paul bows in honor of the Theotokos (detail).



4. Also in attendance to pray for the Theotokos were several Bishops (detail).

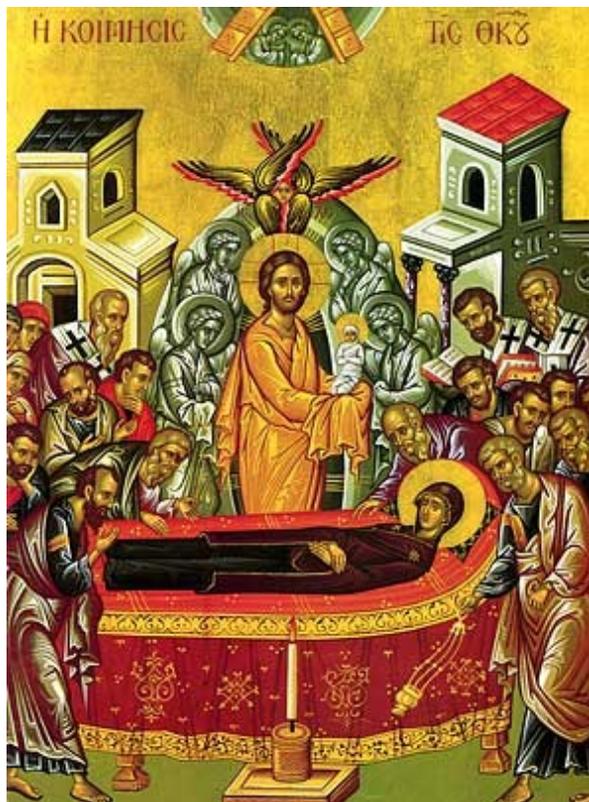


In front of the bed of the Theotokos is a candle (5.) that helps to form a central axis in the icon. Above the candle is the body of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Standing over His mother is Christ holding her most pure soul. Above Christ the gates of heaven stand open, ready to receive the Mother of God.

5. The Theotokos lies in the center of the icon surrounded by the Apostles and a candle in front of her bed (detail).

This great Feast of the Church and the icon celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith—the Resurrection of the body. In the case of the Theotokos, this has been accomplished by the divine will of God. Thus, this Feast is a feast of hope, hope in Resurrection and life eternal. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints, we prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come.

We also affirm through this Feast as we journey toward our heavenly abode that the Mother of God intercedes for us. Through Christ she has become the mother of all of the children of God, embracing us with divine love.



Following Jesus Kids bulletin



The Dormition of the Theotokos

This is the icon of the Dormition, or Falling Asleep, of the Mother of God.

Notice first, that the body of the Theotokos is lying with her arms crossed in death on her funeral bed. The Apostles are surrounding her and a funeral candle lit before the bed, at the forefront of the icon.

See the baby in swaddling clothes?

It isn't really a baby, but the innocent soul of the Theotokos dressed in white to depict her purity. Christ has collected her soul and is carrying her back to heaven to be with Him there. Doesn't their posture remind you of how she is often shown to carry her Son in some other icons?

Christ is dressed in golden garments and surrounded by a blue, egg-shaped mandorla to symbolize that, although he isn't visible to those depicted in the icon, He is present, visiting from heaven in a mystical way. See the red angel above his head? We know it is an angel from the choir known as Seraphim because they are said to have six wings, two covering their faces, two covering their feet, and two with which to fly!

Do you count six wings?



DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
BY FR. VLADIMIR LYSAK

Each of the mourners was said to have appeared mystically at her deathbed before her final departure into eternal life. St. Peter is on the left, at the head of the body, incensing it.

St. Paul is on the right, mourning at her feet. There are bishops present among them. You can tell it is a bishop by the white omophorion on his shoulders. Perhaps one of them is St. Dionysius the Areopagite! Or St. James! Or St. Timothy! There are also several of the holy women standing with them. They all look so sad to have lost her earthly company.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



AUGUST	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	7  9 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد التاسع بعد العنصرة 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 Matthew 14:22-34	8  St Emilian of Cyrica 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 Matthew 21:18-22	9  St Matthias the Apostle 1 Corinthians 15:29-38 Matthew 21:23-27	10  St Lawrence 1 Corinthians 16:4-12 Matthew 21:28-32	11  St Euplos 2 Corinthians 1:1-7 Matthew 21:43-46	12  Sts Photios and Anicetos 2 Corinthians 1:12-20 Matthew 22:23-33	13  Leave-taking of Transfiguration وداع عيد تجلي الرب Romans 15:30-33 Matthew 17:24-18:4
14  10 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد العاشر بعد العنصرة 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 17:14-21	15  Dormition of the Theotokos رقد والدة الإله Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28	16  Icon of the Veil of our Lord 1 Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5 Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24; 13:22	17  St Myron 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 Matthew 23:29-39	18  Sts Floros and Lauros 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 Matthew 24:13-28	19  St Andrew and his companions 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51	20  Holy Prophet Samuel 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Matthew 19:3-12	
21  11 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الحادي عشر بعد العنصرة 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 Matthew 18:23-35	22  Sts Agathonicos and his companions 2 Corinthians 5:10-15 Mark 1:9-15	23  Leave-taking of the Feast of Dormition of our Lady 2 Corinthians 5:15-21 Mark 1:16-22	24  St Eutyches 2 Corinthians 6:11-16 Mark 1:23-28	25  St Titus the Apostle 2 Corinthians 7:1-10 Mark 1:29-35	26  St Mary of Jesus Crucified (Bawardy) 2 Corinthians 7:10-16 Mark 2:18-22	27  St Poemen 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5 Matthew 20:29-34	
28  12 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثاني عشر بعد العنصرة 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Matthew 19:16-26	29  Beheading of St John the Baptist Acts 13:25-33 Mark 6:14-30	30  Sts Alexander, John, and Paul the Latter 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5 Mark 3:13-19	31  Cincture of the Theotokos وضع زئزر والدة الإله Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28				
Clergy Ordination Date: 6/8/2005 Fr. Fayez Assaf							



On this solemn Feast of the Dormition, we extend our best wishes to

Bishop Nicholas

On his 78th Birthday



May God bless him and grant him many years of health and happiness



THE FEAST OF DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY LADY, THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Will be celebrated
On Sunday, August 14th, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.



*In giving birth you preserved your virginity,
In death you did not abandon the world,
O Theotokos, As mother of life, you departed to the source of life,
Delivering our souls from death by your intercession.*



FOOD FAIR COOKING SCHEDULE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Kibbeh – Tuesday, August 23 @ 10:00

Sfeeha – Tuesday, September 6 @ 10:00 a.m.

Grapeleaves – Wednesday, September 14 @ 10:00 a.m.

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FOOD FAIR BAKING SCHEDULE

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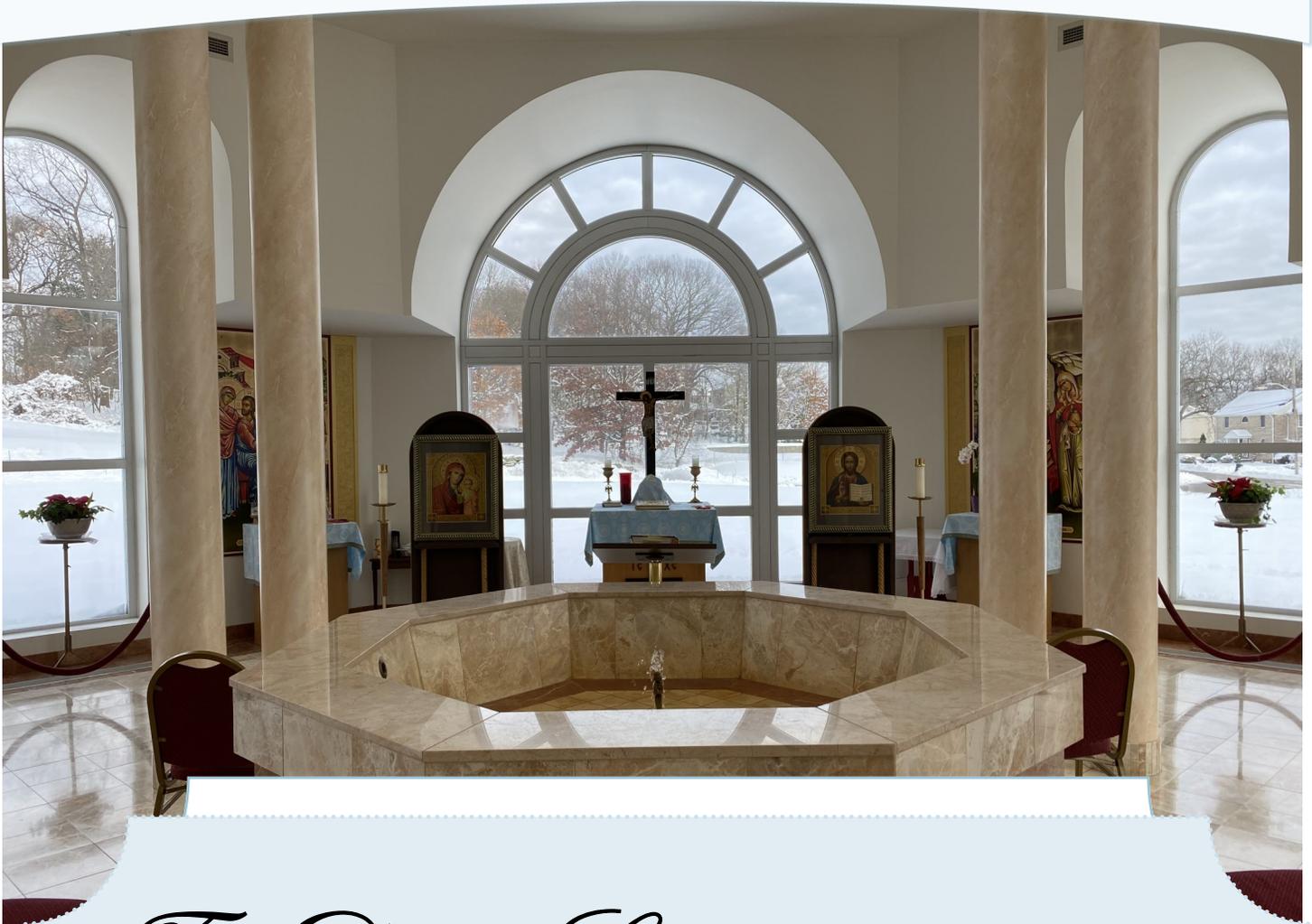
Kaak – Thursday, September 1 @ 10:00 a.m.

Mamool – Thursday, September 22 @ 10:00 a.m.

Ka'ta – Saturday, October 1, @ 10:00 a.m.

Ba'lawa – Saturday, October 8, @ 10:00 a.m.

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy is celebrated

At St. Elias Chapel

|(St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church)

Tuesday to Friday at 9:00 am (Postponed until further notice)

Weekend Divine Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 pm — Sunday: 10:00 am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available
Tuesday to Friday before or after the Divine Liturgy.

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THE LORD SAID: "TRULY I TELL YOU THIS
POOR WIDOW HAS PUT IN MORE THAN ALL
OF THEM, FOR THEY ALL CONTRIBUTED
OUT OF THEIR ABUNDANCE, BUT SHE GAVE
OF HER POVERTY PUT IN ALL THE LIVING
THAT SHE HAD." *MARK 12:41-42*

"GOD LOVES THE CHEERFUL GIVER" 2 COR 9:7

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Thank you and God bless you and yours.

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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$381,000



Contribution Ranges: \$20 to \$50,100

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 45%

"It's not about how much we give, but how much love we put into giving"
-Mother Teresa

Current & Future Projects:



Roof Repair: Contract Signed - March 2022, estimated cost \$400,000, project started June 2022, awaiting completion



Mold Remediation: Proposals received, no remediation necessary, estimated cost \$0



Window Repairs: Proposals received, estimated cost \$9,000



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (Carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway)



Parking Lot & Walkway Repairs:

Proposals received, asphalt estimated cost \$14,000, awaiting walkway quotes



Interior Repairs: Partial proposals received, estimated cost \$6,000



Walk In Cooler & Kitchen Repairs: Reviewing needs and potential options



Exterior/Masonry Repairs: Reviewing needs



Door Upgrades: Awaiting proposals

Important Highlights

- We are extremely grateful to all of those who have contributed and supported the campaign thus far.
- The finance committee has begun strategy planning on maximizing the return of current financial reserves for future projects. God willing, this will prevent the need for another capital campaign and *allow for a more spiritual focus!*
- As reflected above, donations have varied in amounts, we do not expect everyone to support with the same amount...*However, we do pray that everyone will support this important campaign!*
- This is an open and transparent campaign, if you have any questions, suggestion, or concerns Fr. Ephrem or any of the committee members would be more than happy review/discuss during coffee hour or feel free to call them at the numbers listed below.



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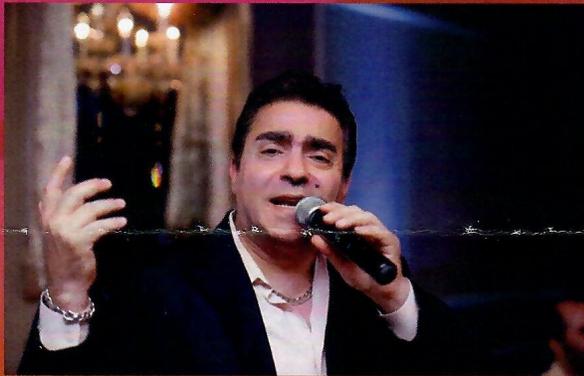


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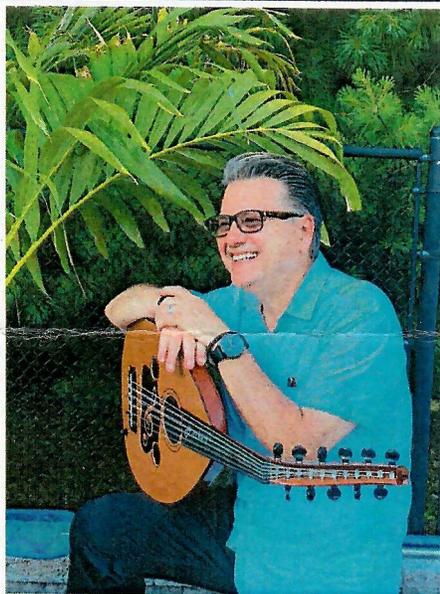
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