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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 Liturgy

Winter Schedule Begins This week

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Sunday: 11:15 AM

**Pastoral Emergencies
and anointing of the sick**

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Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before and after 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 the Holy Cross

الاحد العاشر بعد رفع الصليب

Troparion of the resurrection (3rd tone)

Let all in heaven rejoice and all on earth be glad, for the Lord has exerted power with His arm: By death He has trampled upon Death and has become the firstborn from the dead. He has delivered us from the bosom of Hades and has granted to the world great mercy.

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.

Kondakion of the Preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord (3rd Tone)

Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth to the Eternal Word of God in an ineffable manner. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when you hear this news, and glorify with the angels and the shepherds Him who shall appear as a new Child, being God from all eternity.

نشيد القيامة باللحن الثالث

لتفرح السماويات، وتبتهج الارضيات. لأن الرب صنع عزاً بساعده، ووطئ الموت بالموت، وصار بكر الاموات، وأنقذنا من جوف الجحيم، ومنح العالم عظيم الرحمة.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

نشيد الختام (قنداق) مقدمة ميلاد ربنا يسوع المسيح باللحن الثالث

اليوم العذراء تأتي الى المغارة، لتلد الكلمة الكائن قبل الدهور، ولادة يُعجزُ بيانها. فأطربي ايتها المسكونة إذا سمعت، ومجدي مع الملائكة والرعاة، من شاء ان يظهر طفلاً جديداً. وهو الاله الذي قبل الدهور.



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>



Epistle: Col 1:12-18
PROKIMENON (Tone 3)
Sing praise to our God, sing praise!
Sing praise to our King, sing praise!
Stichon: All you peoples, clap your hands!
Shout to God with cries of gladness!

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians

BRETHREN, we thank God the Father who has enabled us to share in the saints in light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son in whom we have deliverance, the remission of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in Him all things were created, those in heaven and those on earth, the seen and the unseen, whether Thrones or Dominations or Principalities or Powers: all things were created through Him all things hold together; and He is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, so that He may be first in all things.

ALLELUIA (Tone 6) He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High abides in the shadow of the God of heaven.

Stichon: He will say to the Lord, "My wall, my refuge my God in whom I will trust!"

Gospel: 10th of Holy Cross, Luke 13: 10-17 (Healing of a Crippled Woman)

At that time Jesus was teaching in one of their synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent over and utterly unable to look upwards. When Jesus saw her, he called her to him and said to her, "Woman, thou art delivered from thy infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and instantly she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, addressed the crowd, saying, "There are six days in which one ought to work; on these therefore come and be cured, and not on the Sabbath." But the Lord answered him and said, "Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or ass from the manger, and lead it forth to water? And this woman, daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound, lo, for eighteen years, ought not she to be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And as he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame; and the entire crowd rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

رسالة الاحد الثامن والعشرون بعد العنصرة

رنموا لإلهنا رنموا، رنموا لملكنا رنموا

يا جميع الأمم صفقوا بالأيدي، هللو الله بصوت
الابتهاج

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الى اهل كولسي

يا أخوة، نشكر الله الآب، الذي أهلنا للنصيب الذي من إرث القديسين في النور، الذي أنقذنا من سلطان الظلمة، ونقلنا الى ملكوت أبين محبته. الذي لنا فيه الفداء بدمه مغفرة الخطايا. الذي هو صررة الله الغير المنظور، وبكز كل خليفة، إذ فيه خلق الجميع، ما في السماوات وما على الارض، ما يرى وما لا يرى، عروشاً كان أم سيادات، أم رئاسات أم سلطات. به واليه خلق الجميع. وهو قبل الجميع، وفيه يثبت الجميع. وهو رأس جسد الكنيسة، هو المبدأ والبكر من بين الاموات، لكي يكون هو الاول في كل الاشياء.

هللوا

الساكن في كنف العلي، يسكن في حمة إله السماء

يقول للرب: أنت ناصرى وملجاي، إلهي الذي عليه أتوكل

فصل من بشارة القديس لوقا الانجيلي البشير (لوقا 17 - 10 : 13)

في ذلك الزمان، كان يسوع يُعَلِّمُ في أحدِ المَجَامِعِ يومَ السبت، وإذا امرأةٌ بها رُوحٌ مرضي منذُ ثمانِي عشرة سنة، وكانت مُنْحَنِيَةً لا تستطيعُ أن تَنْتَصِبَ البتَّة. فلَمَّا رآها يسوعُ دعاها وقالَ لها: يا أمراءُ أنتِ مُطَلَّقةٌ من مَرَضِكِ. ووضَعَ يَدَيه عليها، وفي الحالِ انْتَصَبَتْ وجعلت تمجِّدُ الله فقالَ رئيسُ المَجْمَعِ للجمِيع، وهو مُغْتَاظٌ لإِبراءِ يسوعُ في السَّبْت: لَكُمْ سِتَّةُ أَيَّامٍ يَنْبَغِي العَمَلُ فيها، ففيها تَأْتُونَ وتَسْتَشْفُونَ، لا في يومِ السَّبْت. فأجابهُ الربُّ وقال: يا مُرَائِي، أما يَحُلُّ كُلُّ واحدٍ منكم ثَوْرَهُ أو حِمَارَهُ في السَّبْت من المذودِ وَيَنْطَلِقُ بِهِ فيسقيهِ؟ وهذِهِ ابنتُ ابراهيمَ التي رَبَطَها الشيطانُ منذُ ثمانِي عشرة سنة، أما كان يَنْبَغِي أن تُطَلَّقَ من هذِهِ الرِّبَاطِ يومَ السَّبْت؟ ولَمَّا قالَ هذا، حَزَبِي جميعُ مقاوميه، وقرَّحَ الجمِيعُ كُلَّهُ بجميعِ الأمورِ الجيدةِ التي كانت تَجري على يَدِهِ.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023: TENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT. HOLY MARTYRS MENAS, HERMOGENES AND EUGRAPHUS.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY (3rd Anniv.)** by Violet Yany & Diane Giorgi.
- + **ANGELA MAZZONE (3rd Anniv.)** by Violet Yany & Diane Giorgi.
- + **SIPPY DEMTY** by the Demty Family.
- + **MICHAEL MARDO (38th Anniv.)** by his wife Alberta & Family.
- + **WILLIAM "BILLY" MARTIN** by Ken & Mary Martin & Family.
- + **CAMELIA KOURY (5th Anniv.)** by Family of Camelia.
- + **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FAYAN FAMILY** by the Family.
- + **KEVIN DURNIN (13th Anniv.)** by wife Christine.
- + **ABOUD & ANTOINETTE TAHAN** by daughter Christine.
- + **PHILIP & ROSE SOUCAR** by Vincent & Barbara Soucar.
- + **MARGARET BARISHIAN** by Vincent & Barbara Soucar.
- + **JOSEPH SOUCAR** by Vincent & Barbara Soucar

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **HONORABLE JUDGE GEORGE NAZARIAN (50th Anniv.)** by his wife Patricia, son Dr. David & Family.
- + **GREGORY NAZARIAN, ESQ.** by his mother Patricia & brother Dr. David & Family.
- + **JUDITH NESSRALLA (Birthday Remem.)** by her sister Patricia & Family.
- + **YUSEF GEORGI DEEB** by M/M Faiz Albatal.
- + **MAGGIE MARTINEZ** by Barbara Mardo.
- + **JOHN R. ROWEY** by Moussa & Georgette Eid.
- + **HUSSNI & LINDA HADDAD** by Neil & Yola Karraz & Family.

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: DECEMBER 3, 2023: Budgets: \$2,627.00 (Envelopes: \$2522.00; Loose: \$105.00); Candles: \$132.00; Stole Offerings: \$400.00; Building Fund: \$55.00; Religious Education: \$310.00.

Father Ephrem has now been here three years and is fully available for 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who is planning an ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS is kindly requested to notify a member of the clergy BEFORE reception/party plans are made. The Clergy may be already scheduled for something else on the day that you have rented a hall/restaurant. Following this policy will help avoid any later misunderstandings/hurt feelings.

FLOWERS: Many parishioners have followed the long tradition of donating poinsettias to the Church for the Christmas Season. If you would like to participate in this tradition, please sign your name on the bulletin board located outside the kitchen and give \$10.00 donation to Barbara O'Rourke or call 401-636-1802. Since we have a larger sanctuary area to cover, we would appreciate your generosity in this regard to enhance the church at this most blessed season.

The **CHRISTMAS FAST** for the Melkite Church begins today, **Sunday, December 10, 2023**. The time of this Fast previously began on November 15th). Our Diocesan policy at present recommends that we fast from all food and drink from midnight until Noon each day and abstain from meat and meat products on Wednesdays and Fridays and on Christmas Eve. Let the Holy Spirit lead you in personal preparation for this Holy Season. Please make this **Christmas first and foremost a Spiritual Feast**. Make your peace with God in the Mystery of Confession. Receive Him in Holy Communion. Begin the New Year reconciled to God and determine to worship Him regularly. May Christmas bring a rebirth of grace to you individually, to your family and to our whole Parish Community. Together may we "grow to the full maturity of Christ". (Ephesians 4:15) during the year.

A CHANGING WORLD: To evangelize, we need to understand the culture which people live. Times are changing and so is the way people think and view things. What used to be called profiteering is now called inflation. What used to be called Christian discipline is now called unhealthy repression. What used to be called living in sin is now called a meaningful relationship. What used to be called perversion is now called an alternative lifestyle. We neglect the needy and call it self-preservation. This is only a taste of what is to come. We are living in a time where there is a major shift in values. The Western world is slowly becoming de-Christianized. We need not only the power of the Holy Spirit, but to have our minds formed with solid Christian teaching and moral behavior.

VOCATION VIEW: Notice in the Gospel that "religious" people did not have a correct understanding of what "religion" is all about. In the epistle, Paul is speaking to Christians, church members, not pagans, about the need to grow in true "religion", keeping the proper perspective. Our clergy has this mission to all of us today. Unfortunately, we are experiencing a lack of sufficient priests in the Eparchy. Please encourage men in your parish to consider this vocation.

STARLIGHT: 'Try not to rush towards Christmas. Open the gift that God offers in this season of Advent. Dim the lights of the world and open your eyes and your heart to the starry night. Let the Word of God whisper its truth to your heart.

TODAY, there will be a special collection taken up for your **FUEL OFFERINGS**. Help defray the cost of heating the church and rectory, as prices are escalating rapidly. We must remember that utilities are more than doubled in our new complex. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

REFLECTION: To "let go" is to admit powerlessness, which means the outcome is not in your hands.

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
Holy Mother, I knock, I
seek, I ask that my prayer
be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"All that you ask of the
Father in My Name, He
will grant you," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos Your Most Holy
Mother, I humbly and
urgently ask your Father
in your name that my
prayer will be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Heaven and earth shall
pass away but My word
shall not pass away,"
through the intercession
of the *Theotokos* Your
Most Holy Mother, I feel
confident that my prayer
will be granted.





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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In my first year as your Bishop, I've been edified and inspired by the joyful solidarity and faith of our Melkite community. I have been on the road this year almost every weekend and have visited many of our over 50 communities. My goal for this year is to visit the remaining communities and to assist our communities to flourish in whatever way I can.

I'm deeply grateful for the hard work of the clergy and lay people in our communities. Christ calls each of us to serve. I have been inspired by the men and women, young and old, who serve with their whole heart. I see your dedication and share in your passion and commitment.

Soon you will receive a letter from me for this year's annual appeal. In this letter, I outline some of the steps I've heard from you that are necessary to foster vocations, strengthen the faith life of our communities, and make use of the many resources available to help us organize our communities.

I ask you to read this letter carefully, and prayerfully consider how God may call you to contribute to the many needs of our Church so our communities can be strong in the years to come.

We face many challenges today, but challenges are nothing new for our Church. Your generosity, service, and love can help strengthen our Melkite Catholic Church in the U.S. for years to come. In addition to the usual means, you can also give to this year's appeal by using the QR Code below or visit us at melkite.org/donate.

I thank you for your prayers, your consideration of this appeal, and for all you are already doing to serve God in your daily life and in the faith life of our communities. May God bless and reward you and your family for your generosity and dedication.

Your Shepherd in Christ,

+ François



Most Reverend Bishop François Beyrouti

Eparchial Bishop of Newton for the Melkite Catholic Church in the United States of America

NEW YEAR – THEOPHANY DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE



Sunday, December 24 – Eve of the Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy. (One Combined Divine Liturgy)

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy with Youth Pageant.

Monday, December 25 – The Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 31

10:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy. (One Combined Divine Liturgy)

5:00 p.m. Vigil Divine Liturgy **Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord – St Basil's Feast - New Years' Day**
(at St. Elias's Chapel)

Monday, January 1

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy **Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord – St Basil's Feast - New Years' Day**
(at St. Elias's Chapel)

Saturday, January 6 – Feast of the Theophany

7:00 p.m. Festive Vespers Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water.

Sunday, January 7– Solemnity of the Theophany

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water.

11:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water.

Following Jesus

Kids bulletin



True or False: What did Jesus say?

*How does Jesus tell us we should act toward others?
Which of these are true and which are false?*



1. When someone hits you on one cheek, you should hit them back.
True or False?

2. If someone tries to take your coat, you should give them your tunic as well.
True or False?

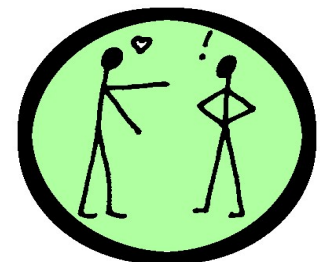


3. If someone makes you walk a mile with them, you should walk two miles.
True or False?



4. If someone asks for something, you shouldn't lend it to them, since they might not give it back.
True or False?

5. You should love your friends and hate your enemies. True or False?



6. You should love your enemies and do good to the people who hate you.
True or False?



7. You should be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect.
True or False?

Bent and Twisted



There are few things in life more difficult to bear than a prolonged illness or permanent condition. In the Gospel today, we meet a woman who probably expected a lifetime of physical pain and struggle. She had been contorted not just for a week or a month or a year, but for a full eighteen years. There was no reason to believe her situation would change. She was bent over at the waist – contorted, the Fathers say, by an evil spirit. She had a most abnormal crease in the middle of her body. She couldn't straighten up. The Lover of mankind looked with concern and sympathy on this miserable human creature, and saw in her not a withered and twisted animal, but a daughter of Abraham, a soul created by God and deserving of His mercy.

Bent and twisted as this lady was, we should notice that her priorities were a lot straighter than those of many who walk upright. Saint Luke tells us that her miraculous healing occurred in one of the Synagogues on the Sabbath. We may ask ourselves, "What was this lady doing in the synagogue?" Well, obviously, she was there to worship. But you know what? It couldn't have been easy for her to be there. If she had been looking for an excuse not to be there, she had a pretty good one! You can imagine her saying, "Rabbi, I just prefer to stay home. It's hard for me to walk to synagogue, my back hurts terribly by the time I get there. When I'm there, people stare at me and I feel so uncomfortable. It's just better for me to stay home!"

The truth is that she was there because it was a priority for her to be there. Her body may have been bent, but her priorities were straight. God came first. She did not let the obstacles of life get in the way; she didn't let it stop her. She was there and that is the point. She made herself available so that God in His time and through His means could heal her. All she did was to show up and be present.

The example of the woman healed today is a good lesson for all of us. If we take our life in Christ seriously, and believe that the church through her sacraments offers us grace and healing, as long as we are physically able, it is important for us to be present in the life of the church. If we are honest: most people usually figure out a way to do the things they really want to do. This crippled woman struggled to put God first. She, in her own feeble way, was saying yes to the Master.

It should be stressed that in today's gospel the woman's healing was the result of her presence in the synagogue that day, not the cause of it. There is no indication in the text that she came looking for healing. She just came to the assembly where God's people were gathered, as was probably her custom. Jesus saw her and called out to her. She didn't see Him and call to Him; she was not even near Him. So we can see that because she was there, she was available. She was available to receiving the healing grace that Jesus offered that day. Had she just stayed home that Saturday, her back would have remained just as bent as it was on Friday.

Here's the point for us: A most basic condition for the grace of the Holy Spirit to be present in our lives is that we be available to God. Sounds simple... So how do we practically make ourselves available? We try, with God's help, to continually say Yes to God in all that we do throughout our day and we practice patience in our infirmities, no matter what they are. We also have many gifts of grace available to us. In addition to the rich services of the church and the holy sacraments, a consistency in a rule of prayer, accountability and an ongoing relationship with a Priest. Sometimes we forget that what attracts the grace of God is just being quiet and still, saying the Jesus prayer. Also visiting monasteries, and making pilgrimages to holy sites, and the observances of fasts and feasts are aids for us in reminding us of what is important on this earth. All these, and much more, have the purpose of rendering us available to God.

We all should realize that the bent over woman in the Gospel had no special claim to the mercy and grace of God. God simply was a priority in her life; so much so, that she was willing to endure pain, suffering, and discomfort to be faithful to him, and wait on Him with patience. But in that process of putting God first, she found the solution to the thing she struggled most with. When the mercy and salvation of God entered that synagogue on that day, she was there. She didn't have to plead for anything from God; but she was available. And so the abundance of God's goodness was poured out on her. Let us be reminded of Jesus' words: "...seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you."

Let us take those words to heart. Seek first the kingdom of God; be present; make yourself available; and may His great mercy and grace be poured out on you now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

رأها - دعاها - شفاها - حماها



هذه ابنة إبراهيم قد رَبَطَهَا الشيطان منذ ثمانى عشرة سَنَةً، أما كانَ يَجِبُ أن تُحَلَّ مِنْ رِباطها يومَ السبت؟" (لوقا 13/10-17)

كلمة الانسان في اليونانية "انثروبوس" ومعناها النظر الى فوق. لقد لاحظ اليونانيون ان الانسان هو الكائن الوحيد الذي رأسه ناظر الى اعلى وليس الى الاسفل مثل باقي الحيوانات.

قال داود في مزمور 42 هذه العبارة 3 مرات "لماذا انت منحنية فيّ يا نفسي؟".

هناك امراض جسدية ، يمكن ان تذهب الى الطبيب فيفحصك ويصف لك الدواء، لكن هناك امراض اخرى سببها هو ابليس. يقول الكتاب عن هذه المرأة انها كانت بها "روح ضعف"، يذكر لنا الكتاب المقدس ان هناك "ارواح مضلة"، "روح الكذب"، "روح الغي"، "روح الزنا"، "روح يعمل في ابناء المعصية".

هناك شخص سر ابتعاده عن الله وضعفه الروحي والنفسي والجسدي، انه مربوط من عدو الخير. لو القيد من سلاسل حديد او نحاس يمكن ان تقطع، لكن لو كان القيد روحى، لا يوجد سوى شخص احد قادر ان يحطم هذه الربط والقيود. لذلك قال لنا السيد المسيح في نفس الاصحاح بعد ان اطلق المرأة التي اراد اليهود رجمها لانها سقطت في الزنا. "تعرفون الحق والحق يحرركم". "ان حرركم الابن فبالحقيقة تكونون احرارا" (يو8)

هناك 4 امور يقدر ان يعملها يسوع:

رأها - دعاها - شفاها - حماها

● رأها: اريد ان اقول ان المسيح يعرف ما انت فيه. لا يوجد سبب يجعلك تخفي بؤسك. ان المسيح يعرف كل ضعفك. اسف في التعبير "انت متعب وتتعب من حولك".

● دعاها: الرب يقول لكل منا "دعوتك باسمك. انت لي". كان هناك اناس كثيرون، لكن المسيح لم يدعو الا زكا وقال "ينبغي ان امكث اليوم في بيتك".

● شفاها: فوضع عليها يده ففي الحال استقامت" "في الحال" ليس شفاء تدريجي.

● حماها: حمى المسيح من انتقاد رئيس المجمع والفريسيين، الذي وجه كلامه الى المرأة "سنة ايام. فيها تعالوا واستشفوا". لكن الرب رد عليهم من له ثور يذهب في السبت ويسقيه". هذه المرأة ليست بالنسبة لي حالة، لكنها "ابنة ابراهيم"، ونحن ابناء الله لاننا خليقته، ولأننا على صورته. الله يستطيع ان يخلصنا من ربطنا. لقد ربط المسيح على الصليب لكي يخلصنا من رباطات خطايانا.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



DECEMBER	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 كانون الأول - ديسمبر 2023	31 Sunday before Theophany الأحد قبل الظهور 2 Timothy 4:5-8 Mark 1:1-8					1 Holy Prophet Nahum 2 Timothy 1:1-2, 8-18 Luke 20:19-26	2 Holy Prophet Habakkuk Galatians 5:22-6:2 Luke 12:32-40
	3 14th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الرابع عشر بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 6:10-17 Luke 18:35-43	4 St John the Damascene Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34	5 St Sabbas the Sanctified Galatians 5:22-6:2 Matthew 11:27-30	6 St Nicholas of Myra Hebrews 13:17-21 Luke 6:17-23	7 St Ambrose of Milan Titus 1:5-14 Luke 21:28-33	8 Prep of Maternity of Anne, grandmother of our Lord Titus 1:15-2:10 Mark 2:23-28	9 Maternity of Anne Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21
S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	10 10th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد العاشر بعد عيد الصليب Colossians 1:12-18 Luke 13:10-17	11 St Daniel the Stylite Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19 Mark 8:11-21	12 St Spyridon of Trimythus Ephesians 5:8-19 John 10:9-16	13 St Eustrates and his companions Hebrews 5:11-6:8 Mark 8:30-34	14 St Thyrces and his companions Hebrews 7:1-6 Mark 9:10-15	15 St Eleutherios 2 Timothy 1:8-18 Mark 2:23-3:5	16 Holy Prophet Haggai Ephesians 2:11-13 Luke 14:1-11
JANUARY 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	17 Holy Ancestors of Christ أحد الأجداد القديسين Colossians 3:4-11 Luke 14:16-25	18 St Boniface Hebrews 8:7-13 Mark 9:42-10:1	19 St Boniface Hebrews 9:8-23 Mark 10:2-12	20 Preparation of the Nativity of our Lord Hebrews 10:1-18 Mark 10:11-16	21 St Juliana of Nicomedia Hebrews 10:35-11:7 Mark 10:17-27	22 Paramony Fast صوم البارامون Hebrews 11:8-16 Mark 10:24-32	23 Saturday before the Nativity السبت الذي قبل الميلاد Galatians 3:8-12 Luke 13:19-29
 24 Paramony of Christmas Genealogy of Christ أحد نسب السيد المسيح Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40 Matthew 1:1-25	25 Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ ميلاد سيدنا يسوع المسيح Galatians 4:4-7 Matthew 2:1-12	26 St Joseph the Betrothed Synaxis of the Theotokos Hebrews 2:11-18 Matthew 2:13-23	27 St Stephen Hebrews 2:11-18 Matthew 2:13-23	28 Holy Martyrs of Nicomedia James 1:19-27 Mark 11:27-33	29 Holy Innocents of Bethlehem James 2:1-13 Mark 12:1-12	30 Saturday after the Nativity السبت بعد الميلاد 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Matthew 12:15-21	

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Divine Liturgy

- Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:15 am

The Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before and after the Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

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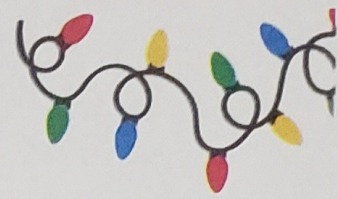
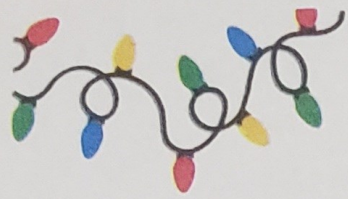
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The MYO will be collecting non perishable food items, paper products, and monetary donations for all in need in the surrounding area.

We will be distribute all donations prior to Thanksgiving. Collection boxes will be marked and placed outside the kitchen, in the hallways, and outside of the 4th grade classroom.

Contact any MYO member for a donation, or call
Joseph Massud at 508-802-7585
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We thank you in advance for your generosity.



MYO BLANKET DRIVE

The MYO will be making blankets and donating them to McAuley Village in time for Christmas. They are seeking fabric and/or monetary donations. All proceeds will be directly donated.

McAuley Village is a housing program for mothers and their children who were previously homeless.

Thank you in advance for your generosity during this holiday season.

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St. Basil's Fellowship Christmas Party

Monday, December 11, at 6 p.m.

St. Basil's Cultural Center

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Friday, December 15, 2023, at 7 p.m.

St. Basil's Church



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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$329,240



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 410



Active Families: 200



% of Active Families Participation: 55%

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

Current & Future Projects:



Church Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$321,000.



Rectory Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$18,850.



Church Window Repairs: Project completed, final cost \$9,000. Additional window was found to need repair, awaiting additional estimate.



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000. Boiler does need immediate replacing, awaiting timeframe. HVAC system is okay for now.



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), awaiting samples and timeframe.



Parking Lot Sealing: Project completed at both Rectory & Church, final cost \$14,000.



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & HVAC Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning completed, final cost \$9,020



Exterior/Masonry/Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals. Maintenance to mosaic of The Blessed Mother completed, cost \$8,000.



Security Cameras/Door Upgrades: Camera system complete, final cost \$10,500. Electrification of doorway proposal received, pending completion.



Central Air Conditioning and HVAC improvements to Rectory: Project completed, final cost \$56,665.

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.



For more information contact any of the committee members, [click here](#), or scan this code with your Smartphone Camera!

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