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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

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Sunday 10:00 am—11:15 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 the Holy Cross

الاحد العاشر بعد الصليب

Troparion of the resurrection (3rd tone)

Let all in heaven rejoice and all on earth be glade 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.

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

Troparion of St. Saba the Sanctified (8th tone)

Your abundant teras made the wilderness sprout and bloom, and your suffering made your labors fruitful a hundredfold; you became a shining torch over the world. O Holy Father Sabas, pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

طروبارية أبينا البار سابا المتقدّس بالحن الثامن
بسيول دموعك أخصب القفر العقيم. وبزفرائك
العميقة، أثمرت أعناقك مئة ضعف. فصيرت للمسكونة
كوكباً متلألئاً بالعجائب، يا أبانا البار سابا. فاشفع إلى
المسيح الإله، في خلاص نفوسنا.

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.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس
لقد ذاع منطقتك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبلت 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 Preparation of the Nativity of our Lord

Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding to the Word who is, in all eternity. Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded: with the angles and the shepherds, glorify Him who chose to be seen as a new-born Babe, while remaining God in all eternity.

Epistle: GAL 3:23-29, 4:1-5 PROKIMENON (Tone I)

Let the saints triumph in glory and let them sing for joy on their couches

Stichon: Sing to the Lord a new song: his praise in the assembly of the saints.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy peace, patience, kindness, justification, faith, modesty, continence. Against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit by the Spirit let us also walk; let us not become desirous if success, provoking one another, envying one another.

Brethren, even if a person is caught doing something wrong, you who are spiritual instruct such a one in spirit of meekness, considering yourselves lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.

ALLELUIA (Tone 1)

Happy the man who fears the Lord! He will joyfully agree with his commands.

Stichon: His holiness shall endure for ever and ever.

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 loosen 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.

نشيد الختام (قنداق) تقدمه ميلاد ربنا يسوع المسيح بالحن الثالث
اليوم العذراء تأتي إلى المغارة، لتلد الكلمة الكائن قبل الدهور، ولادة يُعجَزُ بياؤها. فأطربي ايتها المسكونة إذا سمعت، ومجدي مع الملائكة والراحة، مَنْ شاء أن يظهر طفلاً جديداً. وهو الإله الذي قبل الدهور.

رسالة بولس الرسول إلى أهل غلاطية المقدمة

يفتخر الابرا في المجد، ويتهجون على مضاجعهم
نموا للرب تريباً جديداً، تسبيحته في محفل البرار
(اطلب رسالة يوم السبت من الأسبوع السابع والعشرون بعد العنصرة ص 301)
يا إخوة، ثمر الروح هو المحبة والفرح والسلام، وطول الأناة واللطف والصلاح والايمن والوداعة والعفاف. وأمثال هذه ليس ضدها ناموس. الذين هم للمسيح ضلوا الجسد مع الأهواء والشهوات. إن كنّا نحيا بالروح فلنسلك أيضاً بالروح، ولا نكن ذوي عجب، ولا نغضب، ولا نحسد بعضنا بعضاً. يا إخوة، إن أخذ أحد في زلة فأصلحو أنتم الروحيين مثل هذا بروج الوداعة. وتبصر أنت لنفسك لئلا تُجرب أنت أيضاً. إحملوا بعضكم أثقال بعض، وهكذا أنموا ناموس المسيح.
هللوا

طوبى للرجل الذي يتقي الرب، ويهوى وصاياه جداً
بره يوم إلى ابد الابد

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

في ذلك الزمان، كان يسوع يعلم في أحد المجامع يوم السبت، وإذا امرأة بها روح مرض منذ ثماني عشرة سنة، وكانت مُنْحَنِيَةً لا تستطيع أن تَنْتَصِبَ البتة. فلما رآها يسوع دعاها وقال لها: يا امرأه أنت مُطْلَقَةٌ من مرضك. ووضع يديه عليها، وفي الحال انتصبت وجعلت تمجد الله فقال رئيس المجمع للجميع، وهو مُغْتَاطٌ لإبراء يسوع في السبت: لكم سيئة أيام ينبغي العمل فيها، ففيها تأتون وتشتشفون، لا في يوم السبت. فأجابته الرب وقال:
يا مُرَائِي، أما يحل كل واحد منكم ثَوْرَهُ أو جِمَارَهُ في السبت من المذود وينطلق به فيسقيه؟ وهذه ابنة

ابراهيم التي رَبطها الشيطان منذ ثماني عشرة سنة، أما كان ينبغي أن تُطْلَقَ من هذا الرباط يوم السبت؟ ولما قال هذا، خزي جميع مقاوميه، وفرح الجمع كله بجميع الأمور الجيدة التي كانت تجري على يده.



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.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

TODAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021: TENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS. COMMEMORATION OF OUR HOLY AND GOD-BEARING FATHER SABAS THE SANCTIED.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **RUTH BERETTA** by the community of St. Basil's.
- + **VICTORIA (THOMAS) LAZIEH (28th Anniv.)** by Hon. Thomas Lazieh & Sons.
- + **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE THOMAS, HOYEK, SADIE, MENDONCA, ABRAHAM, NASSANEY, YAZBEK, BARBOUR, IRANI**
and **LAZIEH FAMILIES** by Hon. Thomas Lazieh & Sons.
- + **GEORGE J. NASSANEY (32nd Anniv.)** by Hon. Thomas Lazieh & Sons.
- + **LILY & GABRIEL NASSANEY & ALL DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS** by the Family.
- + **ALBERT NAHABIT** by the Family.
- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by Georgette & Elias Chahine.
- + **KEVIN DURNIN** by Christine.
- + **DECEASED MEMERS OF THE FAYAN FAMILY** by the Family.
- + **FREDERICK KOUSSA (Birthday Remem.)** by his wife, Linda Koussa.
- + **ANTHONY J. KUFFREY (4th Anniv.)** by Caroline St. Germain & Family.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Irene Balon.
- + **WILLIAM T. ASERMELY** by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family (SC)
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by M/M Faiz Albatal & Family.
- + **HELEN AMEEN** by Judy Ameen Wilchynski.
- + **BARBARA SIMMONS** by Barbara & Joe Monsour.
- + **LILLIAN NASSANEY** by Hon. Thomas Lazieh & Sons.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **RUTH BERETTA** by the community of St. Basil's.
- + **HON. JUDGE GEORGE NAZARIAN (48th Anniv.)** by his wife, son, & Family
- + **JUDITH NESSRALLA (Birthday Remem.)** by her sister Patricia Nazarian & Family.
- + **GREGORY NAZARIAN, ESQ.** by his mother, Patricia, brother Dr. David & Family.
- + **ROSE KHOURY** by Micheline Ghanem.
- + **LOUIS P. KISHFY** by M/M Norman E. Kishfy..
- + **HON. JUDGE DEEB SARKAS** by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.
- + **JEANNETTE BEATON** by M/M Craig Kishfy & Family.
- + **GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL** by Joseph & Najat Charchafiah.
- + **JOSEPH WARD (Valencia, Venezuela)** by Dr. Jason B. Boudjouk.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: November 28, 2021: Budgets: \$2,571.00: (Envelopes: \$2,523.00, Loose: \$48.00); Stipends: \$70.00; Candles: \$85.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$30.00; Building Fund: \$365.00; Melkite Diocesan Support: \$197.00; Addit'l Fuel: \$40.00.

Please be advised that the weekly bulletin has not been printed due to the COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, but presently, information is available online, church Facebook page and on YouTube.

TODAY, DECEMBER 5th, there will be a special collection taken up for the **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM.** Please be generous in your support to help defray the cost of paper stock, visual aids, and all that is involved to perfect our program and meet present day standards in this field of education.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th, there will be a special collection taken up for your **FUEL OFFERINGS.** Please help defray the cost of heating the church and rectory as prices have escalated rapidly. Also, we must remember that utilities are more than doubled in our new complex. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

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.

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

All Liturgy offerings received from Funerals, which exceed more than one year, have had the maximum and minimum celebrations. Surplus ones have been deposited in the Building Fund and placed on the altar and remembered similarly 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 guidelines and restrictions.

A TIME OF THANKSGIVING FROM FR. DAN: I know Thanksgiving Day was just last week and I hope you all had a joyous and blessed one. Thanksgiving is always for me a reminder to prepare for Christmas with a thankful heart. There is so much to thank God for, beginning with daily Mass. I am not yet ready to join with you for Sunday Liturgy, but I hope to, soon. It is now 8 months since my cancer operation. I had my second MRI and CT scan Monday, and I am cancer free. The next exams will be at the end of March, for the one- year anniversary on Apr. 7. The wound caused by the removal of the tumor and muscle is almost closed, I have much for which to be grateful, starting with the excellent care all these months. I regret that I shall not be able to celebrate St. Barbara with you, but you shall all be in my prayers. Please celebrate and enjoy with thankful hearts. *Fr. Dan.*

Please make **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 the whole Parish Community Together may we "grow to the full maturity of Christ" (Ephesians 4:15) during the year.

O Jesus, Who has said,
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: All the faithful who have recently changed their address or who are planning to do so, please remember to inform the church office at (401) 722-1345. Please also be sure to update new telephone numbers because **there is a cost that the Church has to absorb which adds up slowly but**

BLESS GOD WITH THE GIFTS WITH WHICH HE HAS BLESSED YOU! Those parishioners, who are not worshipping here each week or do not support their Parish on a regular and consistent basis, are really hurting their Parish physically, spiritually, socially, and financially.

PARISHIONERS who miss Sunday attendance at Liturgy for several weeks are missed and unfortunately hurt themselves and the parish on many levels. Welcome Back to our parishioners who have been away. Your parish hopes that you will remember your responsibilities.

The **CHRISTMAS FAST** for the Melkite Church begins **Friday, December 10, 2021**. (The time of this Fast previously was begun 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.

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 make donation of \$10.00 to Christine Durnin. Since we have a large sanctuary area to cover, we would appreciate your generosity in this regard to enhance the church at this most blessed season

Congratulations: We are proud to announce to you that RI Governor Daniel McKee nominated and picked one of our own native sons and life-long parishioner, GEORGE LAZIEH, to a life-time judgeship in the Workers' Compensation Court. The Honorable George Lazieh is the son of the late Anthony & Victoria (Thomas) Lazieh of this Parish, and brother to Samuel Lazieh, the Hon. Thomas Lazieh, former Mayor of the City of Central Falls, Dr. Marie (Lazieh) Ghazal, CEO of the Rhode Island Free Clinic, and Diane Lazieh. We echo the words of the Governor, and say, that with George's background he will bring valuable experience to our court system and serve the state in a way that is fair and honorable. In the name of Father Ephrem, Father Joe, Deacon Edmond, Deacon Gilbert, and the Community of St Basil's, we offer our utmost congratulations, prayers, blessings, and best wishes, on this glorious & renowned promotion. AXIOS! MUSTAHIQ!

CHRISTMAS 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE: Friday, December 24th: Divine Liturgy @ 4:00 p.m.; and @ 7:00 p.m. with the Youth Pageant followed by refreshments and holiday greetings in the Cultural Center. Children who are participating should be present at 6:30 p.m. in the Classroom Corridor.

CHRISTMAS DAY DIVINE LITURGY: Saturday, December 25th will be @ 10:00 a.m.

All Divine Liturgies will be offered for the Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of the parishioners and friends of St. Basil's Community.

REFLECTION: *"The only reason anyone would ever hate you is because they want to be just like you." - Tequila & Salt*

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MEMORIAM: It is with the deepest sadness that we announce to you the passing into eternal life of the handmaid of God, **RUTH (LAUSHWAY) BERETTA**, on Thursday, November 25, 2021. She was the wife of the late Joseph A. Beretta and the mother of the late Ann (Beretta) Morsilli. She is survived by her sons, Joseph Beretta of this Parish, Richard Beretta and James Beretta; her daughters Sister Marybeth Beretta, RSM and Kathryn (Beretta) Mancini; 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 3, 2021, at St. Jude Church, Lincoln, RI. Calling hours were respectfully omitted.

On behalf of the clergy of St. Basil's Community, relatives and friends, we offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and assure them of our prayers that the Lord will establish her soul where the just repose. May she rest in peace and may her memory be eternal!

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YOU are set free!



We all know what it's like to be ignored. To be constantly talked over in meetings at work. To be the one in the family who's always depended on to be solid because everyone else's issues are deemed more important. To be the person people skip over in social situations because you're a bit awkward. It's not just frustrating; it's degrading.

The woman of Luke 13:10-17 knew plenty about being ignored. Sick for eighteen years, three descriptions are given of her: she has been crippled by a spirit (or crippled in spirit), she's bent over, and she's unable to straighten up. Don't get distracted by what 'spirit' might mean. However we think of it, her condition is clearly more than physical; this is a woman permanently bowed before all people. In fact, the word for 'bent over' is often used in the New Testament to speak of those who are disadvantaged. She is the lowest of the low, the least worthy of others' time or energy.

Yet, when she enters the synagogue where Jesus is teaching, he sees her. This is not a matter of his eyes bouncing off her as he skims the crowd. He's drawn to her, and he breaks from his teaching to address her. How extraordinary! Jesus' first act of healing for this woman is to treat her like a human being, worthy of dignity as he gives her his time and attention.

What Jesus does next continues the healing. He sets her free from her infirmity, and she straightens. We know this is more than a mere physical healing, because she has exactly the right spiritual response. She is filled with joy and directs her praise straight to God, the source of her joy and healing. There is a fullness to this restoration; just as her condition was more than physical, so is her healing.

Immediately, the synagogue leader pounces on the woman. She has come on the wrong day to be healed. How dare she!

Of course, that's a snide way of having a go at Jesus, but Jesus' response is all about highlighting the dignity of the woman. She's far more valuable. She's a daughter of Abraham, one of God's chosen and beloved people. If anyone was in doubt about that, perhaps thinking that her affliction was a sign of God's judgement on her, they need only recall what Jesus was teaching on when the woman arrived at the synagogue: tragedy is not necessarily a sign of God's judgement, and the lack of judgement is not a sign that it's not on its way. And this woman's need is far greater than a mere drink, for she has been bound for eighteen years and by a force far more powerful and malevolent than a day's thirst. Of course Jesus' opponents are humiliated at this point; their pride is scattered as the humble one is exalted, just as Mary had prophesied to Elizabeth in her great song (Luke 2:46-55).

In Jesus' healing, affirmation, and vindication of this woman we learn who he is and what the nature of his kingdom is. The Sabbath he's bringing is not about 'time off' so much as 'time on'. It's about creating healing and peace that all share in rather than a mere absence of work. It means seeing those who are deemed insignificant, and treating them with dignity. This is what we who are followers of Jesus are heading towards, a day where we will be seen in all our preciousness, and where we will see others in all theirs. There will be no more overlooked ones, because we will see with the eyes of Jesus, and be seen by him, as we fix our eyes on him.

Almighty and ever-living God,
strengthen our faith, hope and love.
May we do with loving hearts
what you ask of us and come to share the life you promise.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. Amen.



رأها - دعاها - شفاها - حماها



المسيح دفاعه عنها إلى بركة الصحة لها.

وبعد ان شفيتم استقامت ومجدت الله ونتيجة شكرها فرحت المؤمنين الموحدين.

ايها الاحباء : اراد لوقا الانجيلي من هذا النص الذي سمعناه ان يبرز قدرة يسوع على الشفاء وعلى صلاحه وحنانه وايضا يبرز سلطة وقوة يسوع على قدرة سلطة الشيطان ، هذه القوة هي المدخل التي ستعرف الناس على يسوع انه الرب ، الرب الذي يشفي الرب الذي يحل السبت كما يحل هذه المرأة.

في هذا النص ايضا يظهر لنا لوقا الفرح من خلال تمجيد الشعب كله وتمجيد المرأة الله .

المسيح يفرح فينا عندما ننتصب اي عندما نتخلص من روح الشر والكبرياء التي تحنينا وتجعلنا متوطيئ الراس ، ولكن الذي يجعلنا مرفوعين الراس هو الفرح الذي يكون او الذي يتمثل بان نطبق وصية المسيح بان نطعم الجوعان ونسقي العطشان ونكسو العريان ونعطي الفقراء والمساكين حتى نرث وعد المسيح الملك المعلن لنا منذ انشاء العالم.

رأها: اريد ان اقول ان المسيح يعرف ما انت فيه. لا يوجد سبب يجعلك تخفي بؤسك. ان المسيح يعرف كل ضعفك.

دعاها: الرب يقول لكل منا "دعوتك باسمك. انت لي".

شفاها: فوضع عليها يده ففي الحال استقامت" "في الحال"

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 ابناؤه الله لاننا خليقته، ولأننا على صورته. الله يستطيع ان يخلنا من ربطنا. لقد ربط المسيح على الصليب لكي يخلنا من رباطات خطايانا.

لذلك يا احبائي كل منا يقدر ان يعمل الرحمة ويحسن الى الآخرين على قدر طاقته واذا تعذر عليه الاحسان بالمال او بالطعام فيمكنه ان يصنع الرحمة بالنصيحة والتعليم ، لذلك نحن نخطئ اذا كنا لا نسعى للحصول على الملكوت السماوي باحساننا الى يسوع بواسطة احساننا الى اخوته الصغار الفقراء.

لذلك يا احبائي فتشوا عن الفقراء وتعلموا الرحمة والاحسان من هذا القديس العظيم نيقولاوس الصانع العجائب الذي وزع كل امواله على الفقراء ، اطلبوا منه ان يملأ قلوبكم بالمحبة والعطف على اخوتكم الفقراء وان تخلصوا من اليوم الدينونة الابدية

في انجيل اليوم يتحدث لوقا الانجيلي عن معجزة شفاء المرأة المنحنية وفي القسم الثاني يخبرنا عن الجدال يوم السبت .

في القسم الاول يصف لوقا المريضة بانها امراة كان بها روح ضعف ثمانى عشرة سنة وكانت منحنية ولم تقدر ان تنتصب البتة لان عضلات ظهرها ميتة وسلسلتها الفقرية مقوسة لم تستطع الوقوف لمدة 18 عام .

وحدث مع تلك المرأة ما لا يحبه الله للإنسان، فكلمة «إنسان» في اللغة اليونانية «أنثروبوس» تعني الإنسان المنتصب، الذي يرفع عينيه إلى أعلى. وهذا هو هدف الله من خلق الإنسان، وهذا ما يجب أن يهدف له كل إنسان. ومن يتمتع بإنسانيته بالفعل، هو من ينظر إلى أعلى حيث المسيح جالس (كولوسي 3: 1).

قال الذهبي الفم خلق الله الانسان سويا رأسه الى العلاء ليتجه بعقله ونفسه الى السماء الى خالقه ولم يخلقه كالحیوان ناظرا الى الارض.

ان هذه المرأة جعلها المرض ان تضيق انسانيته فصارت كالحیوان تنظر الى أسفل. لكن بالرغم من ذلك كانت روحها تتطلع إلى أعلى، إلى ما خلقها الله عليه، وما أراده لها. وقد قال الكتاب المقدس: «أَنَّ اللَّهَ صَنَعَ الْإِنْسَانَ مُسْتَقِيمًا» (جامعة 7: 29)

في هذا الجو التقى يسوع بهذه التعاسة وهي تتردد على المجمع ، لقد كانت امينة مع الله ، ففي كل فترة مرضها بقيت تذهب الى بيت الله بانتظام وتستمتع لكلمته بالرغم من انحنائها ولتشكره ولتصلي له.

فخطر اليها يسوع بحنان وشفقة ودعاها كلمها وضع يديه عليها وغير حياتها ، كما يقول الانجيل عندما لمسها ففي الحال استقامت ومجدت الله. هذه الصورة السريعة عما فعله يسوع ، اذا استولى الخلاص على هذه المرأة وانحلت من الشيطان ومن المرض فصارت حرة والان تمجد الله فرفعت عينها الى السماء .

ألم تلاحظون يا احبائي : ان هذه المرأة لم تطلب الشفاء ولكن وجودها في المجمع واستمراريتها وانتظام تعبدها ولجونها الى الله هو اعلان لرغبتها للشفاء هو طلبا خافتا للمسيح .

هذا يعلمنا ان المسيح يسمع الانين وتهديدات مهما كان خافتا في اعماق القلب ويرى الدموع حتى ان لم نصرخ ونجاهر بالطلب ، فهو يعلم ما نحتاج اليه من قبل ان نسأله .

نلاحظ ايضا ان يسوع عندما لمسها وضع كلتا يديه عليها لا يد واحدة وهذا يظهر لنا اقباله وحنانه عليها . وايضا نلاحظ دفاعه عن شفاها عندما هاجمها رئيس المجمع لذا المسيح لم يتركها وحدها بل دافع عنها وقال لرئيس المجمع «أَلَا يَحِلُّ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْكُمْ فِي أَلَسْبَتِ ثَوْرِهِ أَوْ جَمَازِهِ مِنَ الْمَذُودِ وَيَمْضِي بِهِ وَيَسْقِيهِ؟ وَهَذِهِ، وَهِيَ ابْنَةُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، قَدْ رَبَطَهَا الشَّيْطَانُ ثَمَانِي عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، أَمَّا كَانَ يُبْعِثُنِي أَنْ تُخَلَّ مِنْ هَذَا الرِّبَاطِ فِي يَوْمِ السَّبْتِ؟» (أيضا 15 ، 16) . وبهذا أضاف



الرموز المستخدمة للزينة والاحتفال بالميلاد



أصبحت (شجرة الحياة) مع يسوع المسيح. وأول ذكر لها في المسيحية يعود لعهد البابا القديس بونيفاس (634 - 709) الذي أرسل بعثة تبشيرية لألمانيا، ومع اعتناق سكان المنطقة للمسيحية، لم تلغ عادة وضع الشجرة في عيد الميلاد، بل حولت رموزها إلى رموز مسيحية، وألغيت منها بعض العادات كوضع فأس وأضيف إليها وضع النجمة رمزاً إلى نجمة بيت لحم التي هدت المجوس الثلاثة. مع القرن الخامس عشر، حيث انتقلت إلى فرنسا.

النجمة

قد شرح أباء الكنيسة الأقدمين الذين قالوا أن النجم هو متحرك ونادر أرسله الله خصيصاً ليكون دليلاً ومرشداً للمجوس في رحلتهم إلى بيت لحم. توضع النجمة في البيوت على رأس الشجرة أو زينه على سطح البيوت كإشارة ورمز سماوي للوعد. الله أرسل مخلصه للعالم، ونجمة بيت لحم كانت علامة الوعد لأنها قادت المجوس إلى مكان ولادة المسيح فسجدوا له وقدموا الهدايا الثمينة؛ ذهب ولبان ومر.

اللون الأحمر

هو اللون الأول لعيد الميلاد واستخدم من قبل المؤمنين الأوائل لتذكيرهم بالدم الذي سَفَكَ. المسيح أعطى حياته من أجل أن نحصل على الحياة الأبدية.

اللون الأخضر

هو اللون الثاني لعيد الميلاد. الأخضر هو الشباب والأمل والحياة وأكثر الألوان غزارة في الطبيعة الأوراق الابرية الشكل لشجرة عيد الميلاد تتجه نحو الأعلى وترمز إلى الصلوات المتجهة نحو السماء.

الجرس

إن صوت الجرس يعني الفرح والبهجة. انه يبشر بالعيد والفرح ويحمل في طياته حيناً يترك الارتياح في النفس. أما دوره فهم في الحياة المسيحية، استعمال الجرس للعثور على الحروف الضال. سيدق الجرس لكل شخص أيضاً ليجد طريقه للآب ويعني ذلك الهداية والرجوع بالإضافة إلى ذلك تؤثر إلى أننا جميعاً أعزاء في عيون الله.

الشموع

تمثل نور الرب، وهي تقدير الانسان للنجمة.

الربطة

تربط الهدايا بربطة دليل على رابطة الاخوة التي تجمع المؤمنين. فمثلاً يربط الربطة هكذا يجب ان يكون الجميع مترابطين مع بعضهم البعض. هدية الحب والسلام للابد هي رسالة هذا الرمز

العكازة

تمثل عصا الراعي الجزء المعقوف او المتوتري من العصا كان يستخدم لجلب الحروف الضال

الطوق او الاكليل

يرمز الى الطبيعة الخالدة للحب لا تنتهي ولا تتوقف، تذكرنا بحب الله اللامحدود لنا كما انها تذكرنا بالسبب الحقيقي والصادق لميلاد المسيح.



جميعها لها معاني خاصة لكن مع مرور الزمن وبسبب علمانية عيد الميلاد فقدت هذه الرموز معناها الحقيقي

المغارة، شجرة الميلاد، النجمة، اللون الأخضر، اللون الأحمر، الجرس، الشموع، الربطة، العكازة، الطوق والاكليل

اليوم يستعد كل العالم لليلة الميلاد. كلٌ بحسب معرفته وثقافته. منهم من يزين الشجرة ويكتفي بهذا القدر من العيد، ومنهم من يضع الهدايا ليتبادلها مع العائلة والأصدقاء ومنهم من يضع المغارة مع الطفل المولود الجديد، يسوع المسيح صاحب العيد.

ننشر لكم بعض رموز هذا العيد الجميل والذي يحمل معاني عميقة وجميلة جداً ولكن روحية أيضاً.

المغارة

أقدم من الشجرة تاريخياً يرجع التاريخ إلى القديس فرنسيس الأسيزي، كان القديس فرنسيس الأسيزي قد قام عام 1223 بتشييد مغارة حية، أي وضع رجلاً وامرأة لتمثيل مريم ويوسف وطفلاً لتمثيل يسوع مع بقرة وحمار المستبدن من نبوة أشعياء حول المسيح، وانتشرت بعد مغارة القديس فرنسيس هذا التقليد في أوروبا ومنه إلى مختلف أنحاء العالم، وهي تمثل حدث الميلاد في القرن الحادي عشر

شجرة الميلاد

للشجرة قيمة كبيرة في الكتاب المقدس (شجرة المعرفة) في قصة الخلق والتي

Following Jesus Kids bulletin



BibleWise

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

Matthew 12

Fill in the blanks using the opposite of the underlined word.

Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath Day. A (woman)
_____ with a withered hand was there. Jesus' (friends)
_____ asked him, "Is it (wrong) _____ to (injure)
_____ on the Sabbath?"

Jesus answered, "If your sheep falls into a pit on the Sabbath, won't you lift it (up) _____?"

Jesus said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out and it was like (old) _____.

Jesus' enemies went (toward) _____ plotting how they could kill Jesus.

Use the first letter of each picture to finish the message.

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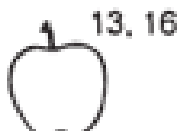
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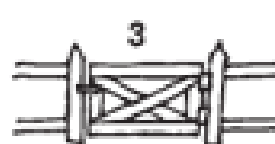
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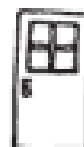
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR



December



كانون الأول - ديسمبر
2021

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Liturgical Symbols:

Abstain from meat

Church Major Feasts

Fast from midnight until noon

Lenten Season

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 Holy Prophet Nahum 2 Timothy 4:9-22 Luke 20:1-8 | 2 Holy Prophet Habakkuk Titus 1:5-14 Luke 20:9-18 | 3 Holy Prophet Zephaniah Titus 1:15-2:10 Luke 20:19-26 | 4 St Barbara Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34 |
| 5 10 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد العاشر بعد عيد الصليب Galatians 5:22-6:2 Luke 13:10-17 | 6 St Nicholas of Myra Hebrews 13:17-21 Luke 6:17-23 | 7 St Ambrose of Milan Hebrews 4:1-13 Luke 21:12-19 | 8 Prep of Maternity of Anne, grandmother of our Lord Hebrews 5:11-6:8 Luke 21:5-7, 10, 11, 20-24 | 9 Maternity of Anne Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21 | 10 Beginning of the Nativity Fast بدء صوم الميلاد Hebrews 7:18-25 Luke 21:37-22:8 | 11 St Daniel the Stylite Ephesians 2:11-13 Luke 13:19-29 |
| 12 Holy Ancestors of Christ أحد الأجداد القديسين Ephesians 5:8-19 Luke 14:16-25 | 13 St Eustrates and his companions Hebrews 8:7-13 Mark 8:11-21 | 14 St Thyrcos and his companions Hebrews 9:8-23 Mark 8:22-26 | 15 St Eleutherios Hebrews 10:1-18 Mark 8:30-34 | 16 Holy Prophet Haggai Hebrews 10:35-11:7 Mark 9:10-15 | 17 Holy Prophet Daniel Hebrews 11:8-16 Mark 9:33-41 | 18 Saturday before the Nativity السبت الذي قبل الميلاد Galatians 3:8-12 Luke 13:19-29 |
| 19 Genealogy of Christ أحد نسب السيد المسيح Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40 Matthew 1:1-25 | 20 Preparation of the Nativity of our Lord Hebrews 11:17-31 Mark 9:42-10:1 | 21 St Juliana of Nicomedia Hebrews 12:25-27, 13:22-25 Mark 10:2-12 | 22 St Anastasia James 1:1-18 Mark 10:11-16 | 23 Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete James 1:19-27 Mark 10:17-27 | 24 Paramony of Christmas بارمون الميلاد Hebrews 1:1-12 Luke 2:1-20 | 25 Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ ميلاد سيدنا يسوع المسيح Galatians 4:4-7 Matthew 2:1-12 |
| 26 St Joseph the Betrothed Sunday after the Nativity الأحد الذي بعد الميلاد Galatians 1:11-19 Matthew 2:13-23 | 27 St Stephen Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60 Matthew 21:33-42 | 28 Holy Martyrs of Nicomedia James 3:1-10 Mark 11:11-23 | 29 Holy Innocents in Bethlehem James 3:11-4:6 Mark 11:22-26 | 30 St Anysia James 4:7-5:9 Mark 11:27-33 | 31 Leave-taking of the Nativity وداع الميلاد 1 Peter 1:1-25, 2:1-10 Mark 12:1-12 | |

SUNDAY SCHOOL



In the spirit of prayerfulness and in oneness of thought, Fr. Joe and I would like to express our very sincere thanks and deep appreciation for making the Sunday School Program successful over the years, and shining the light of Christ through you to show each child God loves them just as they are.

We have been deeply touched and impressed by the teachers and parents' generosity and willingness to do whatever it takes to make the past year a success for our children despite the difficulties that we faced because of Covid-19.

We are very grateful to all of you for taking the time and making the effort to make the Sunday School Program possible.

Together we are building the foundation upon which we will build St. Basil's future, 100 years on. What a wonderful blessing you all are to our community.

Kindly, fill out the new Registration Form for this Sunday School Year according to the grade of your child.

- Pre-K <https://bit.ly/3z1RNk8>
- Kindergarten <https://bit.ly/3suJv1U>
- 1st Grade <https://bit.ly/3syyqNh>
- 2nd Grade <https://bit.ly/3mem8sq>
- 3rd Grade <https://bit.ly/3mfh9Yn>
- 4th Grade <https://bit.ly/3swVGuV>
- 5th Grade <https://bit.ly/2W8Vlgu>
- 6th Grade <https://bit.ly/3AUdPG6>
- 7th Grade <https://bit.ly/3mhcrJr>
- 8th Grade <https://bit.ly/3z5YjX2>



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CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR – THEOPHANY

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE



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

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy.

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

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

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 26

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 31

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

Sunday, January 2

9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy

11:15 a.m. Arabic Divine Liturgy

Thursday, January 6 – Feast of the Theophany

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

Sunday, January 9 – Solemnity of the Theophany

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

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

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Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community....

This is why Jesus said: "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest," that is, God the Father, "to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.

- Pope Francis, Regina Caeli Message, Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2013



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The Daily Divine Liturgy

At St. Elias Chapel (St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church)

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 A.M.

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"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live" John 11:25

Remember me in your Kingdom

You are invited to the Divine Liturgy for the departed
in the Lord in the Hope of Resurrection
On the last Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 pm

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LITURGY OR MASS INTENTIONS



Divine Liturgy intentions can be scheduled for those who have died, and on the occasion of a birthday, wedding anniversary, for healing for the conversion of sinners, for the grace to face the challenges in life, for the success in a new job, for those serving in the church and country in different levels, for good weather, bountiful harvest, for world peace, in thanksgiving for the blessings received, etc. You can find so many reasons to think about a Mass offering. We offer the Mass for a specific intention because we believe in the immense spiritual value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The custom of giving offering to have Liturgies said for specific intentions is a laudable one and should be maintained as much as possible. Church teaching and Canon Law (nos. 942-958) provide important guidelines on how to preserve the dignity and appreciation of this practice. Overall, it should be well noted that Liturgy offerings are never to be viewed as a means of parish fundraising.

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DEAD: The Apostolic Constitutions refer to the repetition of the Mass on the third, ninth and fortieth days: "Let the third day be observed in remembrance of the dead with psalms, lessons, and prayers, because Christ rose from the dead on the third day. Let the ninth day be observed in remembrance both of the living and the dead, and also the fortieth day, in accordance with mourning customs of the Israelites at the time of Moses' death. Finally, let the anniversary day be observed in memory of the dead."

In contemporary Byzantine practice, the dead are commemorated on the ninth and fortieth days and on the anniversary of their departure from this world.

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., clergy attire, stipends (Mass 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.

Effective January 1, 2008, which by-passed us, the schedule of offerings for Masses in parishes is now \$25.00; Funerals: \$300.00; Weddings: \$300.00.

Canon Law prohibits accepting stipends or offerings for Masses more than one year in advance (rolling calendar) Canon 953. The time within which Masses must be celebrated (1 year) begins the day the intention is received (Canon 955 #2.)

May the memories of our beloved deceased be eternal and many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these guidelines and restrictions.

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