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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Divine Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 PM

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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



12th Sunday after Pentecost

الاحد الثاني عشر بعد العنصرة

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 the Dormition

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.

Kondakion of the Dormition, (Tone 2)

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

نشيد القيامة باللحن الثالث

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

نشيد رقاد العذراء باللحن الاول

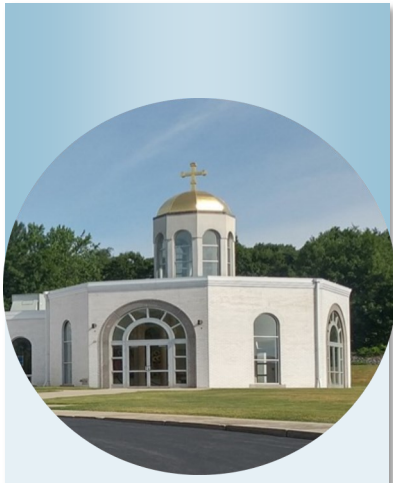
في ولادتكِ حفظتِ البتولية، وفي رقادك ما تركتِ العالم، يا والدة الاله. فانك انتقلتِ الى الحياة بما أنكِ ام الحياة. وبشفاعتكِ تُنقذين من الموت نفوسنا.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاعَ منطقتك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبِلتْ 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.

قنداق الختام لرقاد العذراء باللحن الثاني

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



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 1 Cor. 15:1-11

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 first epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians

BRETHREN, I remind you of the Good News I preached to you, and which you received, and in which you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold fast to it as I preached it to you — otherwise you would have believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all what I had also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Kephaz, and after that, to the Twelve. Then He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at one time, many of whom are still with us, while some have fallen asleep. After that, He was seen by James, then by all the apostles, and last of all, as by one born out of due time, He was seen also by me. For I am the least of the apostles, and am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's Church. But by God's grace, I am what I am, and His grace in me has not been fruitless — in fact, I have labored more than any of them, yet not I, but God's grace with me. Whether it be I or they (who speak), this is what we preach, and this you have believed.

ALLELUIA (Tone 3)

In You, O Lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame.
In Your justice, save me and deliver me.

Stichon: Be for me a protecting God, a sheltering house to save me.

Gospel Matthew 19:16-26

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

At that time a certain young man came to Jesus and said, "Good Master, what good work shall I do to have eternal life?" He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God. But if you will enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus answered, - 'Thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, honor thy father and mother, and, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these I have kept; what is still lacking in me?" Jesus said to him, "If you will be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard these words, he went away sad, for he had great possessions. But Jesus said to His disciples, "Amen I say to you, with difficulty will a rich man enter the kingdom of heaven. And further I say to you it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." The disciples, hearing this, were exceedingly astonished, and said, "Who then can be saved?" And looking upon them, Jesus

Hymn to the Theotokos of the Dormition, (Tone 1)

All human generations bless you, O Mother of God. The laws of nature were bypassed in you, for your birth-giving left you a virgin and your death became the herald of your life. O you who remained virginal after having given birth, and alive after having died, O Mother of God, deign always to save your inheritance!

الاحد الثاني عشر بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

رَنَمُوا لِإِلَهِنَا رَنَمًا، رَنَمًا لِمَلِكِنَا رَنَمًا
يا جميع الامم صَفِّقُوا بِالْأَيْدِي، هَلِّلُوا لِلَّهِ بِصَوْتِ
الابتهاج

الرسالة (1 كورنثس 15: 1-11)

يا اخوة، اذْكُرْكُمْ الانجيل الذي بشرتكم به، وقبلتموه وانتم ثابتون فيه، وتخلصون به ايضا ان حافظتم عليه كما بشرتكم به، إلا ان تكونوا قد آمنتم باطلاً. لأني سلمت اليكم اولاً ما قد تسلمته انا ايضاً: ان المسيح مات من أجل خطايانا، على ما في الكتب، وأنه قُبر، وأنه قام في اليوم الثالث على ما في الكتب، وأنه تراءى لكيفا ثم للاثني عشر. ثم تراءى لأكثر من خمس مئة اخ معاً، اكثرهم باقي حتى الآن، وبعضهم رقدوا. ثم تراءى لي يعقوب، ثم لجميع الرسل. وآخر الكل تراءى لي انا ايضاً كأنه للسقط. لأني انا اصغرُ الرسل، بل لسئ اهلاً لأن أسمي رسولاً. لكنني قد اضطهدت كنيسة الله. غير اني بنعمة الله صرتُ على ما انا عليه، وبنعمته التي في لم تكن باطلة، بل تعيبت أكثر من جميعهم، ولكن لا أنا بل بنعمة الله التي معي. فسوء كنتُ انا أم اولئك، هكذا نكرزُ وهكذا آمنتم.

هللوا
عليك ياربُ توكلتُ فلا أخزي الى الابد، بعدلك
نجني وانتشلي
كن لي إلهاً محامياً، وبيت ملجأ لخلصي

الاحد الثاني عشر بعد العنصرة

الانجيل (متى 19: 16 – 26)

في ذلك الزمان، دنا الى يسوع شابٌ وجثا له وقال: أيها المعلمُ الصالح، ماذا أعملُ من الصَّلاح لتكون لي الحياة الابدية؟ فقال له: لماذا تدعوني صالحاً، ما صالح الأواحد هو الله. ولكن ان كنت تريد ان تدخل الحياة، فأحفظ الوصايا. قال له: ما هي؟ قال يسوع: لا تقتل، لا تزني، لا تسرق، لا تشهد بالزور، اكرم أباك وأهلك، أحب قريبتك كنفسك. قال له الشاب: هذه كلها قد حفظتها منذ صباي، فماذا ينقصني بعد؟ قال له يسوع: ان كنت تريد أن تكون كاملاً، فأذهب وبع ما هو لك وأعطه للمساكين، فيكون لك كنز في السماء، وتعال اتبعني. فلما سمع الشاب هذا الكلام، مضى حزينا، فإنه كان ذا مال كثير. فقال يسوع لتلاميذه: الحق أقول لكم: أنه يعسرُ على عبي أن يدخل ملكوت السماوات. بل أقول لكم: انه لأسهل أن يدخل جمل في ثقب ابرة من أن يدخل غني ملكوت الله. فلما سمع تلاميذه بهتوا جداً وقالوا: من يستطيع إذن أن يخلص؟ فحدق اليهم يسوع وقال لهم: ذلك غير مستطاع عند الناس، وأما عند الله فكل شيء مستطاع.

النشيد لوالدة الاله

جميع الاجيال تُعَبِّطُك، يا والدة الاله وحدك. ايها البتول النقية، ان حدود الطبيعة قد غلبت فيك. لان الولادة حفظتك بتولاً، والموت قد صار لك عربوناً للحياة. يا من هي بعد الولادة بتول، وبعد الموت حيّة. فيا أم الاله خلصي. مبرأئك دائماً.



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

THIS WEEKEND, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023: TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. SIXTH DAY OF CELEBRATION OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS.

5:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **DONNA MAURICE (5th Anniversary)** by her husband Glenn & Daughter Alicia.
- + **STEVEN KANAKRY (Birthday Remem.)** by his parents and family.
- + **BARBARA CIMINI (Birthday Remem.)** by the Family..
- + **MARY (SOUS) SACKAL** by her sister Yvonne (Sous) Cantisano.
- + **AMAL ABYAD** by the community of St. Basil's Church

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **YOUSSEF GEORGI DEEB (40 Day)** by his wife Kathrin Bahbah Deeb & Children.
- + **MICHAEL TAHHAN (CA)** by Aboud & Mira Saggal.
- + **JOHN R. ROWEY** by Faiz & Susan Albatal.
- + **MARIE MARDO** by Al & Lina Kishfy & Family.
- + **AMAL ABYAD** by the community of St. Basil's Church





SACRIFICIAL GIVING; August 12 & 13, 2023: Budgets: \$2,309.00 (Emvelopes: \$2,268.00, Loose: \$41.00); Candles: \$88.00; Stole Offerings: \$125.00; Building Fund: \$50.00.

GENERAL HOME VISITATIONS, SICK CALLS, HOSPITAL VISITS: 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 request-ed 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 feeling

SUMMER IS SLOWLY COMING TO A CLOSE: Some people have been away on vacation, at summer homes, on busi-ness trips, or visiting. A noticeable drop in the Sunday attendance and weekly donations has occurred with all of our parishioners not coming to Church on a regular basis during this time. As a result, your Parish has really suffered heav-ily for these summer months as it attempts, with the assistance of those who are faithful, to maintain the buildings, offices and life work of the community. Please do not neglect your responsibilities of the expenses of your spiritual home that occur during the times that you are fortunately able to be away. Your support may be conveniently mailed in for each Sunday that you were and are away. Thank you for your anticipated, hopeful and loving concern!

First Formal Visitation of Bishop Francois to RI which concurs with the 25th Anniversary of our monumental complex on the weekend of Saturday & Sunday, September 16 &17, 2023. Grand Banquet, Saturday, September 16 in the Cul-tural Center @ 6:00 p.m.; Solemn Pontifical Divine Liturgy, Sunday, 10 a.m. Flyers with full details have been mailed to your household last week. Please read carefully and we look forward for each family and individuals to respond positively 100% to this momentous occasion. Your generation and those that preceded you put their heart and soul into this project. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

“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 Fa-ther, 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!


ANY NEEDS, THOUGHTS, CONCERNS, QUESTIONS, MISUNDERSTANDINGS, SUGGESTIONS, ETC. they you may have, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Clergy or Council immediately, Explanations/Corrections/ Discus-sions/Changes will never be made unless all bring these concerns to us. Let us remain the united and caring communi-ty that we are.

REFLECTION: “When praying, don’t give God instructions – just report for duty.”

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.



**Food Fair
Cooking Schedule**

Grapeleaves – Thursday, August 3, 9:00 a.m.
Sfeeha – Thursday, August 24@ 9:00 a.m.
Sfeeha - Thursday, September 7@ 9:00 a.m.



Following Jesus Kids bulletin



Fill in the Blanks

A man came _____ to Jesus.

Running Walking

The man asked what he must _____ to have a home in heaven.

Say Do

Jesus said: "Do what _____ wants you to do".

Man God

This man said: "I am _____ that now".

Doing Looking

Jesus said: "You must do _____ other thing".

Two One

Jesus wanted the man to _____ all he had.

Give Away Buy

Jesus wanted the man to give the money to _____.

The People Who Had Money The Poor

This made the man _____.

Glad Sad

He did not want to give up his _____.

Friends Money

So the man chose _____.

To Follow Jesus To Walk Away



ويقوم بإنزال حملته لكي يستطيع العبور عرياً من كل ما كان يحمله.

هذا المشهد صورة لشيء أبعد بكثير، إذ علينا أن نخلع ما نحن متمسكون به لكي نستطيع العبور، والله يعطينا أضعاف حمولتنا من نعمه غير المحدودة والمنبثقة من محبته اللامتناهية.

من هنا المثل الذي استعمله الرب يسوع

وأقول لكم أيضاً: إنَّ مرورَ حملٍ من ثقبِ إبرةٍ أيسرُ من أن يدخلَ غنِّي إلى ملكوتِ الله" (متى ١٩: ٢٤).

قد يبدو للوهلة الأولى أن الغنى مرفوض إطلاقاً، لكن المقصود حقيقةً مختلف تماماً.

ليس الله ضدَّ الوفرة عند الناس على الإطلاق

المسيح يجمع أمرين:

-الأمر الأول:

الذي يعتبر نفسه غنياً بممتلكاته الفانية وليس بالربّ، خلاصه لهو أكثر من مستحيل ولا حتى في الأحلام، وطريقه مغلق.

-الأمر الثاني:

لا يقف أي عائق أمام الغني بالربّ ودربه دائماً مفتوح، ويجتاز كل الصعوبات مهما صاقت في وجهه.

خلاصة:

من كان غنياً بالربّ يسوع المسيح هو صديق الربّ ويتخطى المستحيلات وأمامه رحاب السماوات.

ملاحظة:

كان الربّ يسوع المسيح يستعمل الكثير من الأقاويل والعبارات وبمسخنها، ويتكلم بلغة يفهمها الناس تجمع بين البساطة الشعبية والعمق اللاهوتي، وذلك من أجل تحقيق الخلاص لأنّه أتى من السماوات وتجسد وتنازل لخلاص جميع البشر لنقتبل الإلهيات ويرفعنا إليه.

تفسير لغوي:

الكلمة في النص الأصلي اليوناني هي κάμηλον من κάμηλος ويمكن أن تكون مذكر حيوان الجمل O κάμηλος أو الأنثى H κάμηλος، أما الحبل في اللغة اليونانية التي كُتبت فيها الأناجيل هو κάμιλος ولا يكون إلا مذكر فقط.

اللفظ مشابه إنَّما الفرق في حرفي الـجـمـل و الـلـحـل.

في اللغة العربية هناك فرق بالتحريك لكلمة جمل.

إذ كلمة "جَمَلٌ" بضم الجيم تعني حبل السفينة والحبل الغليظ من القنب، ويقال له القلس.

ويختلف المفسرون بين ضم الجيم وتشديد الميم ووضع فتحة عليها ومنهم من يسكنها لتخفيفها، ومنهم من فتح حرف الجيم.

أمَّا كلمة "الجَمَلُ" هي اسم الكبير من الإبل من الفصيلة الإلبيّة، وبقي تحريك الكلمة في هذا المعنى ثابت.

الجدير بالملاحظة أن في الأشورية والآرامية والسريانية كلمة "جملو" تعني حيوان الجمل كما تعني حبل السفينة.

في هذا المثل الجمل كحيوان هو المقصود، أوّلاً لأنّه كان يُضرب به المثل لكبر حجمه، ثانياً لوجود هذا المثل شعبياً وكانوا يقصدون به حيوان الجمل وليس الحبل، وثالثاً هكذا أتت الكلمة في النص اليوناني الأصلي.

ويلاحظ أن اليهود في السبي قبل التجسّد استعملوا كلمة فيل بدل الجمل في مثل مشابه تأثراً بالبيئة البابليّة ومحيطها التي كانوا يعيشون فيها، وهذا يزيد تأكيداً أن المقصود بالمثل حيوان وليس حبل السفينة.

كان إبراهيم رجلاً غنياً، وكذلك إسحق ويعقوب وسليمان وأيوب وغيرهم.

المشكلة ليست بوجود المال والممتلكات، بل بعبادتها وتألّفها والاستغناء بها عن الله.

بالمقابل ليس الفقير عابداً لله حُكماً، ولا يدخل الملكوت فقط لأنه فقير أو مُعَدَم، وكم من غنيّ وفقير يتسلط عليهم الطمع والحسد والطرف الملتوية، والله غير موجود في حياتهم.

ما دوّنه الإنجيليّ يوحنا في سفر الرؤيا يوضّح مقصد الله بدقّة تامّة إذ يقول الربّ له:

"اكتب إلى ملاك كنيسة اللاودكيين: لأنك تقول: إني أنا غنيّ وقد استغنيت، ولا حاجة لي إلى شيء، ولست أعلم أنك أنت الشقيّ واليائس وفقير وأعمى وعريان. أشيرُ عليك أن تشتري مني ذهباً مصقى بالنار لكي تستغني" (رؤيا ٣: ١٧-١٨).

لا يمكن لأية مادة فانية أن تجعلنا نستغني عن الله، ولا يمكن لأحد أن يلبسنا المجدّ ويعطينا الغنى الحقيقيّ إلا الذي خلقنا وتجسّد وصُلب من أجلنا وأقامنا معه من بين الأموات.

بريدنا الربّ أن نكون أغنياء به إذ خلقنا لحياة أبدية، وهذا ما ترتّله الكنيسة عند فراقنا هذا العالم:

"إذا ربنا العالم -دون السماوات- فحينئذ نسكن القبر حيث الملوك والفقراء معاً".

بالحقيقة باطل هو كلّ ما في العالم الترابي، وفان كلّ ما هو ترابي، ولا إله نستغني به، هنا وفي الملكوت، إلا الربّ يسوع المسيح له المجد.

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هناك مثل شعبي عند اليهود يقول:

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كما هناك مقولة تُنسب إلى التلمود وتقول:

"ثقب الإبرة ليس شديد الصيق بالنسبة لصديقين، بينما العالم كله لا يتسع كفاية لعدوين".

وكان يوجد ضمن أحد أبواب أورشليم بابّ صغير يُدعى ثقب الإبرة، وكان الحرايس يغلقون أبواب أورشليم قبل الغروب، ولا يفتحون الباب الرئيسي لأية قافلة تأتي بعد هذا الوقت، بل يفتحون الباب الصغير. ولم يكن ممكناً للجمل -لضخامة حجمه- أن يدخل من هذا الباب الصغير (ثقب الإبرة) إلا بعد أن يلزمه الجمال أن يركع على ركبتيه،

Hang around Jesus



This is the historic account of the rich young man or in Mark's Gospel, the rich young ruler. He's three things - rich, young and a man. And I want to call my reflection today "Hang around Jesus".

So here we have this fairly confident chap coming up to Jesus. The passage says: "a man came up to Jesus." Now, that's quite different from what we normally hear. The centurion said. "Lord, I'm not worthy to have you come into my house. Just say the word." We have Zacchaeus going up a tree. He couldn't seem to get close to Jesus. And there was a blind man who said "Yes, I believe. Help, my unbelief." And the sorrow of the Phoenician woman who said: "We'll just gather up the crumbs under your table."

But not this guy. He just rocked up to Jesus. He came full of confidence. He came to see what this Jesus was all about. He comes up to him and says "How do I get eternal life? Just tell me and I'll do it. I'm rich. I'm young. I can do just about anything that's within my power. What good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" asks Jesus. "There's only one who is good? If you want to enter life, obey the commandments." No problem for this guy. No problems at all. "I've kept the commandments", he said. "I've done all these things."

How would you feel? How would you answer? The Lord Jesus, the Son of God, the one who obeyed the Father to the utmost. Would you say in front of him? "Yes. I've done all that. I've obeyed all those commands." Jesus leans back. He's got his disciples around him. The man is waiting and thinking, "He'll tell me one more thing and I can tick that one off as well.

Then Jesus says: "sell all your possessions. Give to the poor. Then when you've done that, you're ready to sign up to be my disciple." He completely undresses this man morally and shows his utter helplessness. Then the critical verse comes. It says, "When the young man heard this, he went away sad because he had great wealth."

Compare this story with Jesus when he was tempted by the devil and the devil shows him all the kingdoms of the world - the Byzantine Empire, the Roman Empire, the British Empire, the American Empire, all of them all through history. They all past before Jesus' eyes. "Just bow down and worship me. And all this is yours," says the devil.

But see what happens next. Jesus turns to his disciples. This is a real teaching point for the disciples. He says, "I'll tell you the truth. It's hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom. It's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle." Those who sew think of a needle you've got and the eye of that needle. Jesus said that it was easier for a great big, dirty camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked "who then can be saved?" Peter and Andrew ran a fishing consortium around the Galilean Coast. They hired men. They still had the enterprise functioning in the background. They hadn't sold everything and given to the poor. So, they are completely stunned. Jesus looks and tenderly says "with man, this is impossible. But with God all things are possible." Now let's just pause it there. If that rich young man had hung around Jesus and said something like, "I can't do that, please help my unbelief. I can't sell all my possessions and give it away. Does that mean I've got to sell my penthouse on the Mediterranean coast? I've got a business deal coming up, in Gaul and it's going to reap me billions of shekels. I just can't do it. Please help me." You know what, I think Jesus would have put his arm around this young man and said, "follow me and I'll show you what's going to happen in the kingdom of God."

The disciples were in the same boat. The previous conversation in this passage was on marriage where Jesus gave those incredibly impossible stands for marriage. And the disciples said, "who can get married then" It's not possible with your standards." If only that rich young man had hung around Jesus like Peter did when he denied Jesus three times, when he said "I don't even know him. I've never been near him. I have nothing to do with him." Peter just wept and wept. But he hung around Jesus. Peter hung around the disciples. And then on that beautiful morning, the messenger said to the women, "Go and tell Peter and the other disciples. I'll see them up in Galilee". And Peter sees Jesus cook fish on the shore and he jumps out of the boat. I think he might have almost walked on water. He was so full of affection and love as he raced and fell at the feet of Jesus. Judas didn't. Judas did not hang around Jesus and the rich young man did not hang around Jesus.

When things seem too big for us, when we can't do anything to get away with a sin that we committed back in our childhood or in our youth, we've got to hang around Jesus. We've got to hang around his shed blood when we feel as if everything's going the wrong way and society is just crushing Christianity and we start to wonder, is it really true? We've got to hang around Jesus and recall the fact that he's risen from the dead and he's coming back. And it might be a lot sooner than we think.

We've got to hang around Jesus when sometimes we get really perplexed. Like the apostle Paul said, "I'm perplexed, but I'm not despairing." We've got to hang around Jesus like Peter did. But Judas didn't. The rich young fellow didn't unless he came back later on. We don't know. We've got to hang around Jesus. And that's my message for us this today. Dear people, hang around Jesus, Amen.

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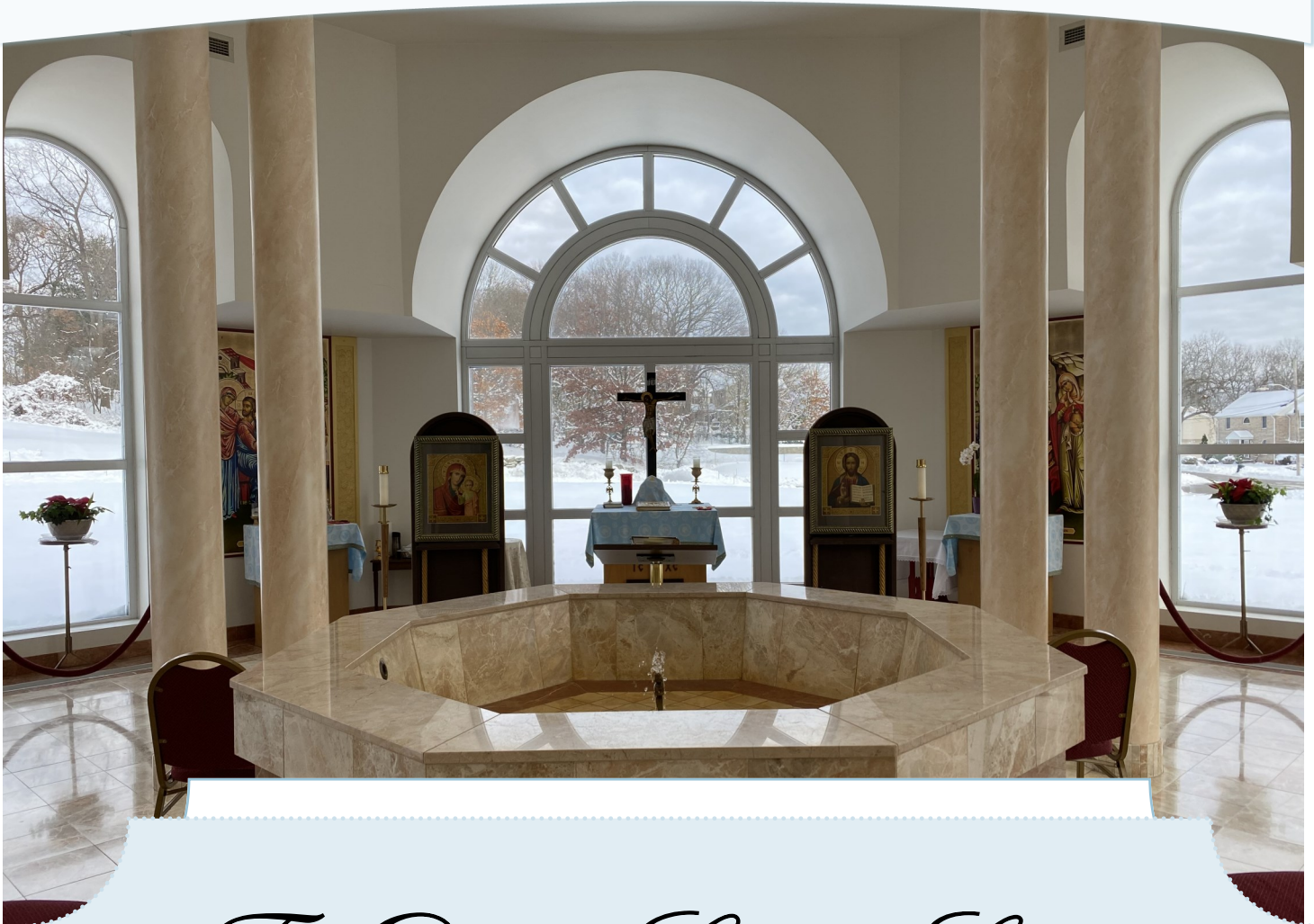


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	6 ✠ Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ عيد تجلي الرب 2 Peter 1:10-19 Matthew 17:1-9	7 St Dometios 2 Corinthians 2:4-15 Matthew 23:13-22	8 St Mary Mackillop 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:3 Matthew 23:23-28	9 St Matthias the Apostle 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 Matthew 23:29-39	10 St Lawrence 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 Matthew 24:13-28	11 St Euplos 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 Matthew 24:27-33,42-51	12 Sts Photios and Anicetos 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Matthew 19:3-12	
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Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Divine Liturgy

- **Saturday at 5:00 pm**
- **Sunday at 10:00 am**

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Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$340,000



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Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 51%

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Current & Future Projects:



Church Roof Repair: Project completed, estimated cost of \$400,000...final cost \$321,000.



Rectory Roof Repair: Proposals received, estimated cost \$18,000, pending review.



Church Window Repairs: Proposals received, estimated cost \$9,000, pending review.



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



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



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



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning estimated cost \$9,000.



Exterior/Masonry /Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals.



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

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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