



January 16th, 2022

## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Address

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### Parish Website

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### Office hours

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

### Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

### Sunday

English 9:00 AM  
Arabic 11:15 AM

### Religious Education

Sunday 10:00 am—11:15 AM

**Pastoral Emergencies  
and anointing of the sick**  
(401)722-1345

### 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



Twelfth Sunday After the Holy Cross  
Veneration of the Chains of the Apostle Peter

الاحد الثاني عشر بعد الصليب  
تكریم سلسلة القديس بطرس

### Troparion of the resurrection (1st tone)

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

### Troparion of Peter (Tone 4)

Without leaving Rome, you have come to us, you who preside over the Apostles by the power of the venerable chains you bore. While honoring them with faith, we beseech you that, through your intercession, God may grant us 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 Presentation of our Lord (Feb. 2nd) (1st Tone)

O Christ our God who through your birth have sanctified the virginal womb and have now blessed the arms of Simon, today You have come to save us. O Lord, when wars prevail, keep your people in peace and strengthen our

### طروبارية القيامة باللحن الاول

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

### طروبارية للقديس بطرس الرسول - بالحن الرابع

لقد وافيتنا بالسلاسل المكرمة التي حملتها، ولم تغادر رومة، أيها المتقدم بكرسيه على الرسل فنكرمها الآن بإيمان طالين: هب لنا بشفاعتك إلى الله عظيم الرحمة.

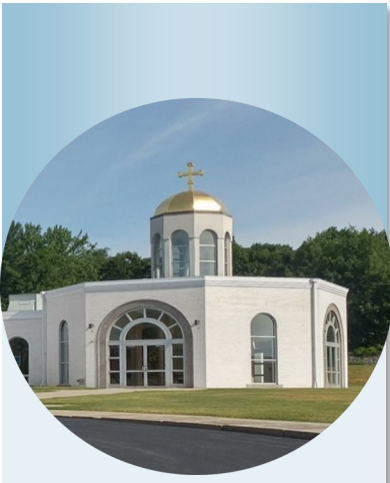
### طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

### قنداق دخول ربنا يسوع المسيح الى الهيكل - اللحن الاول

أيها المسيح الإله، يا من بمولده قدس المستودع البتولي، وبارك يدي سمعان كما يليق. لقد بادرت الآن ايضاً وخلصتنا. فأحفظ رعيته بسلام في الحروب.



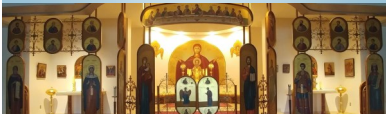


#### Our church organizations:

**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](http://www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com/myo.html)

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



Public Authorities in every good deed, for You alone are the lover of Mankind.

**EPISTLE: Twelfth Sunday After the Holy Cross, Col. 3:4-11**  
**PROKIMENON: Ps.103: 24, 1 (Tone 4)**

How great are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom You have wrought them all.

**Stichon:** Bless the Lord. O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

#### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Brethren, when Christ, our life, appears, then you too shall appear in glory. Put to death whatever in your members is of the earth: immorality, uncleanness, lust, evil desire, covetousness, which is a form of idol-worship. Because of these passions, God's wrath comes upon the sons of disobedience and you yourselves once walked in them when they were your [way of] life. But now, you too put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, abusive language, and foul-mouthed utterances. Do not lie to one another. Strip off the old man with his deeds and put on the new, one that is being renewed towards perfect knowledge according to his creator's image. Here there is no Gentile and Jew, no circumcised and uncircumcised, no Barbarian and Scythian, no slave and freeman, but Christ is all things, and in all.

#### ALLELUIA Ps.44: 5, 8 (Tone 4)

String Your bow, go forth, reign for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness, and Your right hand shall lead You wonderfully.

**Stichon:** You loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, Your God, anointed You with the oil of joy above your companions.

#### GOSPEL: LUKE 17:12-19 (12th Sunday After the Holy Cross)

At that time as Jesus was entering a certain village, there met him ten lepers, who stood afar off and lifted up their voice, crying, "Jesus, master, have pity on us." And when he saw them he said, "Go, show yourselves to priests." And it came to pass as they were on their way that they were made clean. But one of them, seeing that he was made clean, returned, with a loud voice glorifying God, and he fell on his face at his feet, giving thanks; and he was a Samaritan. But Jesus answered and said, "Were not the ten made clean? But where are the nine? Has no one been found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Arise, go your way, for your faith has saved you."

وأيد الملوك الذين أحببتهم أيها المحب البشر. وحدك.

**قنداق دخول ربنا يسوع المسيح الى الهيكل-**  
**الحن الاول**  
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#### بروكيمنات الرسائل

-ما أعظم أعمالك يا رب، لقد صنعت جميعها بحكمة.  
-باركي يا نفسي الرب. أيها الرب إلهي، لقد عظمت جدًا. (لحن 4)

#### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل قولسي. 4:3-11

يا إخوة، متى أظهر المسيح حياتنا، نُظهِرُونَ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا مَعَهُ بِمَجْد. فَأُمَيِّنُوا إِذْن أَعْضَاءكُمْ الَّتِي عَلَى الْأَرْض: الرُّبِّيَّ وَالنَّجَاسَةَ وَالْهَوَى وَالشَّهْوَةَ الرَّذِيئَةَ، وَالظَّمْعَ الَّذِي هُوَ عِبَادَةٌ وَثَن. فَإِنَّهُ لِأَجْلِ هَذِهِ يَجِلُّ غَضَبُ اللَّهِ عَلَى أَبْنَاءِ الْمَعْصِيَةِ. وَفِي هَذِهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا سَلَكْتُمْ حِينًا، إِذْ كُنْتُمْ عَائِشِينَ فِيهَا. أَمَّا الْآنَ فَأَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا أَطْرَحُوا الْكُلَّ: الْغَضَبَ وَالسُّخْطَ وَالْحُبْثَ، وَاللَّجْدِيفَ وَالْكَلامَ الْقَبِيحَ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِكُمْ، وَلَا تَكْذِبْ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا. إِخْلَعُوا الْإِنْسَانَ الْعَتِيقَ مَعَ أَعْمَالِهِ، وَالتَّبَسُّوا الْإِنْسَانَ الْجَدِيدَ الَّذِي يَتَجَدَّدُ لِلْمَعْرِفَةِ عَلَى صُورَةِ خَالِقِهِ، خَيْثُ لَيْسَ يُونَانِيٌّ وَلَا يَهُودِيٌّ، وَلَا خِتَانٌ وَلَا قِلْفٌ، وَلَا أَعْجَمِيٌّ وَلَا إِسْكُوتِيٌّ، وَلَا عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، بَلِ الْمَسِيحُ هُوَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ وَفِي الْجَمِيعِ.

#### هَلُوكَاتُ الْإِنْجِيلِ

-إِسْتَلَّ السَّيْفَ وَسَبَرَ إِلَى الْأَمَامِ، وَأَمَلَكَ فِي سَبِيلِ الْحَقِّ وَاللَّعْنَةِ وَالْبَرِّ.  
-أَحْبَبْتَ الْبَرَّ وَأَبْغَضْتَ الْإِثْمَ، لِذَلِكَ مَسَّخَكَ اللَّهُ إِلَهُكَ بِهَذِهِ الْبَهْجَةِ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ شُرَكَائِكَ. (لحن 4)

#### الاحد الثاني عشر بعد الصليب لوقا 17:12-19

في ذلك الزمان، فيما يسوع داخل الى قرية استقبله عشرة رجال برص ووقفوا من بعيد. ورفعوا أصواتهم قائلين: يا يسوع المعلم ارحمنا. فلما رآهم قال لهم: امضوا وأروا الكهنة أنفسكم. وفيما هم ذاهبون ظهرُوا. وأن واحدًا منهم، لما رأى أنه قد برئ، رجع يُمجِّدُ الله بصوت عظيم. وخرَّ على وجهه عند قدميه شاكرًا له، وكان سامريًا. فأجاب يسوع وقال: أليس العشرة قد ظهرُوا، فأين التسعة؟ ألم يوجد من يرجع ليمجد الله، إلا هذا الأجنبي؟ وقال له: قُم وامض، فإن أيمانك قد خَلَّصَكَ.





## 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, JANUARY 16, 2022: TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE CROSS. VENERATION OF THE HONORABLE CHAINS OF THE HOLY AND ILLUSTRIOUS APOSTLE PETER.**

## 9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **STEPHEN KANAKRY(40 Day)** by his Parents and Siblings.
- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by Deacon Edmond & Theresa Raheb.
- + **BARBARA (DIOHEP) SIMMONS** by Doug & Jeanne Allam.
- + **ROBERT GERARDI** by Deacon Edmond & Theresa Raheb.
- + **MANUEL VINCENT (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by his loving wife Madeline.
- + **FREDERICK KOUSSA** by M/M Michael Kanakry.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Zak Nassaney & Family.
- + **LILLIAN NASSANEY** by M/M Roger Hultquist.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by Mona Mardini & Family.

## 11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **WILLIAM MURRAY** by M/M Michael Raheb.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by John & Najat Khoury & Family.
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by the Deckey & Mussalli Family
- + **YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by Judith & Wayne Rawan.
- + **GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL** by Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki.
- + **ELIAS J. KISHFY** by Elias & Barbara Deeb.
- + **JULIA KISHY** by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.
- + **JOSEPH WARD (Valencia, Venezuela)** by M/M Gregory Richard & Family.
- + **JEANNETTE BEATON** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by Samir & Dolly Chouha.





**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** January 9, 2022: Budgets: \$12,643.00: Envelopes: (\$12,623.00, Loose: \$20.00); Stipends: \$25.00 Candles: \$82.00; Addit'l Fuel: \$100.00; Building Fund: \$290.00; Initial Offerings: \$125.00; Cemetery: \$161.00.

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.

**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](mailto: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.

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.

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

**FATHER DAN UPDATE:** Dear loved ones, family and friends: Personally, I have much to be thankful for this past year. Eight months after my cancer operation, there is no sign of a return of sarcoma. The hole left by the removal of the tumor and calf muscle is almost closed. And I am now doing ministry here at our Tewksbury residence and in local parishes. I have been able to accept more responsibilities within the community, including driving my brothers to local appointments and solving computer and loud-speaker problems. I have been giving monthly conferences and have been asked if I could start up again weekly talks as I did before going to White Earth. Until the provincial gives me an assignment, I shall be serving here. I may not know my future, but I do know God is with us. I love you all and keep you present in my prayers morning and night. And, even if Covid keeps getting in the way of free travel, you are always with me. May your Christmas not only be merry, but blessed, full of Christ Child's graces, and the New Year under the promised protection of our Blessed Mother. - *Father Dan.*

O Jesus, Who has said,  
"Ask and you shall  
receive, seek and you  
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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 surely.**

**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.

**2022 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS** are available – free for the taking – at the entrance of the Church. By following the liturgical cycle of the church year and remembering the Saints each day, is an excellent way to attach yourself more closely to the worshipping community, that is the church.

Our thoughts and prayers are directed to our elderly and sick parishioners and friends in this joyous season. We ask the Emmanuel to strengthen your faith so that you may accept His will, and may He bring you peace, joy, and health for the coming New Year.

**OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD,** please remember to remove any chewing gum before entering the church building. Also, please place your pagers and cell phones on silent.

**YOUR HOME IS BUGGED:** Yes, your home is bugged. In every home there are two microphones per child – one in each ear. These highly sensitive instruments pick up the table prayers, the hymns sung, ordinary conversations, incidental remarks, and a variety of words. These all-absorbing microphones transmit all they hear to highly impressionable minds. Be careful what you say.

**VOCATION VIEW:** Leprosy of the soul is worse than that of the body. As Christ's priest you can cure many spiritual diseases.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to those who voluntarily welcome visitors to our church by inviting them to the Cultural Center and/or sitting with them during Coffee Hour or inviting them to visit again. You are good apostles of & for our church! If God willing, our Parish grows, it will be because of these actions.

***May we all remember to be thankful for everything that we have and be always ready to display that gratitude honestly & fairly!***

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# Prayer week for Christian Unity

## اسبوع الصلاة لأجل وحدة الكنائس



O Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, on the eve of your redemptive suffering, You fervently asked your heavenly Father that all your followers be one, as You are One with the Father and the Holy Spirit. We implore You, divine Master, To bestow upon all Christian Churches the unity of faith, of hearts and of purpose, so that they become one flock under the leadership of One Shepherd according to your wish. Grant us, Lord, to love one another as You loved us, So that, seeing our unity, the world may believe in You and embrace your message of peace and love. For You are the Prince of Peace and Lover of mankind and to You we render glory, and to your Eternal Father, and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Amen

أيها السيد الرب يسوع المسيح إلهنا، يا من في عشية آلامه الخلاصية صلي بحرارة إلى ابيه السماوي، ليكون جميع أتباعه واحداً كما أنت واحد مع الآب والروح القدس، نتوسل إليك أيها المعلم الإلهي، أن تتعم على كنائسك بوحدة الايمان ووحدة القلوب ووحدة العمل الرسولي، تحقيقاً لرعبتك في أن تكون رعية واحدة تحت إمرة راع واحد. هب لنا، أيها الرب، أن نحب بعضنا بعضاً كما أنت أحببتنا، بالبذل والعطاء، حتى إذا شاهد العالم وحدتنا في الايمان، آمن بك واعتنق انجيلك ومجد معنا، بفم واحد وقلب واحد، اسمك الجدير بكل كرامة والعظيم الجلال ايها الآب والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكل أوانٍ وإلى دهر الداهرين.

أمين

# الشكر



تكشف عن قلب تعلق بواهب العطايا اي الله أكثر من العطية ذاتها .

اي ان الرب يسوع احب هذا السامري الابرص الذي قدم الشكر، بينما غضب من الآخرين ناكري المعروف لانهم لم يعرفوا المخلص بل انشغلوا بتطهيرهم من البرص أكثر من الذي طهرهم.

الصلاة هي الشكر، والشكر لله يقوي علاقتنا معه وبه ويثبتها . لذلك حياتنا كلها شكر وتشكرات نرفعها لله . لذلك صلاة الكنيسة هي صلاة الشكر ، فنحن نشكر الله عند نهوضنا من النوم ونشكره بعد الطعام لانه يشبعنا من خيرات الارض ونشكر على النهار كله قبل النوم .

لذلك نحن نقدم في القداس الالهي كاقصى شكل للشكر عندما نجتمع ونقوم بشكر الله في سر الافخارستيا التي تعني الشكر ( سر الشكر هو القداس الالهي ) .

نحن نجتمع لنشكر الرب كما نقول في الكلام الجوهري، اذن نجتمع لنشكر ، لذلك القداس الالهي هو عملنا الاول والاوحد حين نجتمع نقدم القرايين مقدمة شكر ورحمة و تسبيح .

لهذا الانسان المسيحي الحقيقي هو انسان شكور وانسان ساجدا يقدم العبادة والتسبيح واشكر دائما

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يا احبة: لا بد من الاشارة بتذكير باننا اليوم نعيد للقديس انطونيوس الكبير ابا الرهبان . وكما علمنا الانجيل اليوم واطهر لنا كيف تعرف البرص واين على يسوع في البرية في القفر . ولهذا ان البرية لها مكانة رفيعة في الكنيسة المسيحية وخاصة عندنا .

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هكذا في البرية حيث عاش انطونيوس الكبير واطهر له المسيح نفسه فيها .

هكذا هو الانسان المسيحي الحقيقي الشكور والمصلي دائما . نستخلص من حياة انطونيوس بان الحياة مع الله لا تكون الا عبر التوبة والاعتراف والسجود والدموع والشكر الدائم وهذه لا تأتي الا اذا اختلينا مع الرب وذهبنا الى لقاء معه في برية قلبنا وجعلنا من قلوبنا موطئ ومسكن للرب .

اخبر احبتي : لا تنسوا ان تسجدوا عند قدمي يسوع القدوس مثل الابرص السامري مقدمين كل الشكر على كل شيء ، ولا تديرون ظهوركم بل اجعلوا وجوهكم نحو المسيح وامنوا بكلمته ، " الذي يسمع كلامي ويؤمن بالذي ارسلني فله الحياة الابدية. امين

في انجيل اليوم يسوع يلتقي بالعشرة رجال برص خارج القرية . فانه بحسب الشريعة الموسوية لا يسكن الابرص في داخل القرية او المدينة انما خارجها في البرية او في القبور . ويكون ممزقا الثياب وينادي نجس نجس . هذه حالة تكشف عن بشاعة نجاسة الخطية التي كانت ترمز اليها بمرض البرص في العهد القديم .

قد وقف اولئك البرص بعيدا ولم يقدروا ان يقتربوا من يسوع لانهم كانوا يعتقدون بانه لا يمكن لاحد ان ينظر اليهم دون نفور . ولذلك قد رفعوا اصواتهم بكل عواطف الايمان والمحبة وقائلين يا يسوع يا معلم ارحمنا .

وكانوا يرجون استجابة طلبتهم وشفائهم من امراضهم بحسب ما يشاء يسوع ويرتضي ان يمنحهم وينعم عليهم بشفاء .

كبرص حرما من السكن وسط الناس وربما لم يشهدوا باعينهم المعجزات التي صنعها الرب يسوع انما سمعوا عنها ، لكنهم بالايمان منه اقتربوا اليه ونالوا الشفاء والتطهير ، بينما رأى الكثير من الفريسيين والصدوقيين السيد المسيح وشاهدوا اعماله الفائقة وبعدم الايمان حرما انفسهم من صداقته .

ايضا لاحظنا بان السيد المسيح امرهم بان يذهبوا الى الكهنة ليبروا انفسهم لهم ليؤكد انه ما جاء لينقض الشريعة بل يكملها وايضا كي يعطي للكهنة اليهود دليلا ماديا على قدرته على الشفاء والتطهير.

الامر الذي عجز عنه الناموس العهد القديم ، لعلهم يؤمنون ان نعمة الرب يسوع تفوق الناموس . وفي هذا التصرف ايضا يوجهننا الرب يسوع للخضوع للكنيسة وتعاليمها وايضا يلزم الخاطئ بالذهاب الى منبر الاعتراف الى الكاهن لكي يعترف بخطايه وينال الحل .

هذا الالتزام وهذه الضرورة كان يسوع قادرا ان يشفيهم ولا يلزمهم أمرا اياهم ان يعترفوا بخطاياهم جميعا مهما كانت شنيعة .

الاعتراف بالنسبة الى حالة النفس الخاطئة هو اقوى واسطة هيأها يسوع لمحو الخطايا . لذلك قال الكتاب المقدس : " ادخلوا ابوابه ( ابواب الله ) بالاعتراف " . فقد اظهر واوضح النبي داود من صلاته نعمة الله ورحمته في تنقية خطايه اذ قال : " ارحمني ياالله بحسب رحمتك وبحسب كثرة رافتك امح مآثم طهرني من خطيئتي فاني عارف بآثمي وخطيئتي في كل حين " .

لنعد يا احباء الى رجال البرص العشرة ، فقد امنوا بكلمة يسوع وبينما هم منطلقون طهروا فواحد منهم لما رأى انه شفي رجع وكان سامريا واصبح ساجدا مصليا وشكورا ، رجع يمجّد الله بصوت عظيم مقدما العبادة والشكر للرب يسوع المخلص اذ انبطح على وجهه عند قدمي المسيح شاكره له .

بينما التسعة اليهود لم يرجعوا اليه لذا قال المسيح بغضبا : " أليس العشرة قد تطهروا فاين التسعة " قم قال لهذا السامري قم وامض ايمانك خلصك . لذلك هذا السامري قد حصل على تطهير الجسد وخلص النفس بينما التسعة حصلوا على تطهير الجسد ولم يحصلوا على خلاص النفس .

يقول القديس اثناسيوس الرسول ان هذا الابرص السامري هو مثل لحياة الشكر التي

# A lifestyle of thanksgiving



## 1. Be thankful even if you are in difficult circumstances.

This kind of thankfulness is faith. We read the story too quickly, I think. Slow it down, and picture it with me. We start with ten men who have the worst disease of their day. The physical ramifications are horrendous. Leprosy attacks the body, leaving sores, missing fingers, missing toes, damaged limbs. In many cases, the initial pain of leprosy gives way to something more terrible than that - a loss of sensation in nerve endings, leading to more damage to more body parts. The disease can take 30 years to run its course, and in that time span, entire limbs can simply fall off. It is, assuredly, a most horrible disease. We have nearly an impossible task in trying to fathom what it was like 2,000 years ago, when medical treatment as we know it today was almost non-existent.

And, I think, we gained a new appreciation of how bad this disease must have been in the days of Christ. It wasn't just the grotesque damage, or the attack to our sight. It wasn't just the loud cries, the attack to our hearing. It was also the smell of rotting, decaying flesh, overwhelming even our sense of smell.

The emotional pain of a leper, however, must have been even worse than the physical pain. He was removed from his family, from his community. There could be no contact, whatsoever, with his children or grandchildren. None. Immediately removed. His wife would not be allowed to kiss him goodbye. He would not have allowed it, for fear that she, too, would become afflicted.

Lepers tended to roam together, looking for food, begging for assistance from a great distance, learning to yell in loud voices, both from the need to warn others, and to beg for help from across the way.

What would it have been like to have been removed from friends and family for a lifetime, and to have been forced to announce that removal on a daily basis? It must have been horrible.

God who loves you so much, will give you the opportunity to be thankful when nothing about your circumstances gives you that motivation. My friends, that is the very definition of faith. **If you praised God only on the good days, only in the best of circumstances, it would not be faith at all. That would be more like a business arrangement - and this is not about business!**

Some of you are in horrible circumstances, right now. And what awaits you today, this week, is a forcing of the question. Will you be thankful despite the difficult circumstances? If so, you will have experienced faith.

## 2. Be thankful in the work of God's goodness

This kind of thankfulness is worship. One of the men came back to Jesus, and praised God. He was thankful. He was public about it. He was loud - he wasn't shy at all.

Why was he so loud? This guy had been forced to yell for as long as he'd had leprosy. Had it been years? He'd probably yelled so long, he didn't know how to come to the Lord quietly, or even in a normal voice. When he came back and fell at the feet of Jesus, he was just louder than the normal person, and he was praising God.

This week, be sure you take time to acknowledge God for his goodness. Be sure to actually be thankful. Be sure to gather everyone up for a prayer of Thanksgiving that's a real prayer of thankfulness. Don't miss the opportunity to worship God this week. And be loud about it!

## 3. Make sure your thankfulness leads to action

One healed leper came back. One caught himself in the midst of the celebration, and returned to Jesus. He reversed his steps, put his family on hold, put the priest on hold, and came back to the cause of his celebration. His response and life situation were unique, but in the simplest sense of what he did his thankfulness led to action. And boy, did that turn out to be important!

"Where are the other nine?" Jesus asked. Do you realize what this says? Jesus said, "Go, and show yourselves to the priests. Jesus never commanded that any of them express thankfulness to God, or return to him, the healer. Nevertheless, that is what Jesus expected.

Shouldn't our spirit of thankfulness last longer than that? Get it done!

## 4. A lifestyle of thankfulness is a lifestyle of wellness

". . . If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (so-dzo). For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved (so-dzo!) (Romans 10:9-10).

And Jesus says to this very thankful man willing to follow God before his circumstances changed - to worship God before he returned home - Jesus pronounces a complete healing, a wellness that passes all other wellness terms. This man, Jesus said, understands. Do you understand?


Can I give you another reason to love this Jesus? Can I show you another proof that he loves you, no matter who you are, where you've been, or what you've done?







# Following Jesus Kids bulletin







## The Story of the Ten Lepers




One day,  was walking through a . He saw 10  who had

a sickness called leprosy. Because the  were sick, they couldn't be with their

. They had to stay far away from people in the . The  asked

 for help. They said, ", Master, have mercy on us."  healed the

10 . They were so happy! Out of those 10 , only 1  stopped to











tell  "  !" We can be like the thankful . We can tell

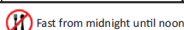
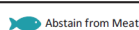
Heavenly Father and  "  !" for our blessings.



# LITURGICAL CALENDAR



JANUARY	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 كانون الثاني — يناير 2022	<b>30</b> The Three Hierarchs Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 15:21-28	<b>31</b> Sts Cyrus and John 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-7 Matthew 10:1, 5-8					<b>1</b> St Basil the Great Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ ختان الرب Colossians 2:8-12 Luke 2:20-22, 40-52
	<b>2</b> Pope Sylvester	<b>3</b> Holy Prophet Malachi James 5:10-20 John 15:17-16:2	<b>4</b> Synaxis of the 70 disciples 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 1:18-28	<b>5</b>  Paramony of Theophany بارمون الظهور الالهي (الغطاس)	<b>6</b>  Theophany of our Lord عيد الظهور الالهي (الغطاس)	<b>7</b>  Synaxis of John the Baptist السابق المجيد يوحنا المعمدان	<b>8</b> Saturday after Theophany السبت بعد الظهور الالهي Ephesians 6:10-17 Matthew 4:1-11
	2 Timothy 4:5-8 Mark 1:1-8				1 Corinthians 9:19-27 Luke 3:1-18	Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Matthew 3:13-17	Acts 19:1-8 John 1:29-34
DECEMBER 2021 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	<b>9</b> Sunday after Theophany الأحد بعد الظهور الالهي Ephesians 4:7-13 Matthew 4:12-17	<b>10</b> St Gregory of Nyssa Ephesians 4:7-13 Luke 3:19-22	<b>11</b> St Theodosios Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 11:27-30	<b>12</b>  St Tatiana 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 John 10:39-42	<b>13</b> Sts Eremylos and Stratonicos 2 Timothy 2:1-10 Luke 20:1-8	<b>14</b>  Leave-taking of Theophany وداع الظهور الالهي Hebrews 10:32-38 Luke 12:32-40	<b>15</b> St Paul of Thebes Galatians 5:22-6:2 Luke 12:32-40
FEBRUARY 2022 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	<b>16</b> Veneration of the Chains of Peter the Apostle تكريم سلاسل الرسول بطرس Colossians 3:4-11 Luke 17:12-19	<b>17</b> St Anthony the Great القديس أنطونيوس الكبير Hebrews 13:17-21 Luke 6:17-23	<b>18</b> Sts Athanasios and Cyril Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 5:14-19	<b>19</b>  St Macarios the Egyptian Galatians 5:22-6:2 Luke 6:17-23	<b>20</b> St Euthymios the Great 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Luke 6:17-23	<b>21</b>  St Maximos the Confessor Philippians 1:12-19 Luke 12:8-12	<b>22</b> St Timothy the Apostle 2 Timothy 1:3-8 Matthew 10:32-38; 19:27-30
	<b>23</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الخامس عشر بعد عيد الصليب 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10	<b>24</b> St Xenia the Roman Galatians 5:22-6:2 Matthew 25:1-13	<b>25</b> St Gregory the Theologian Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	<b>26</b>  Australia Day St Xenophon and relatives 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Luke 6:17-23	<b>27</b> Relics of John Chrysostom Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	<b>28</b>  St Ephrem the Syrian Galatians 5:22-6:2 Luke 6:17-23	<b>29</b> Relics of St Ignatius Hebrews 10:32-37 Mark 9:33-41







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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

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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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