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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office hours

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

Divine Liturgy

Winter Schedule Begins This week

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Sunday: 11:15 AM

**Pastoral Emergencies
and anointing of the sick**

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Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

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

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

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



13th Sunday After the Holy Cross

الاحد الثالث عشر بعد رفع الصليب

Troparion of the resurrection (1st tone)

After the stone was sealed by the Jews and the while the soldiers were watching Your spotless body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, the heavenly powers cried out to you, O Giver of life: "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your economy, O You who alone are the lover of mankind!"

Troparion of St Basil

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

Kondakion of the Preparation of the Nativity of our Lord

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

نشيد القيامة باللحن الاول

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

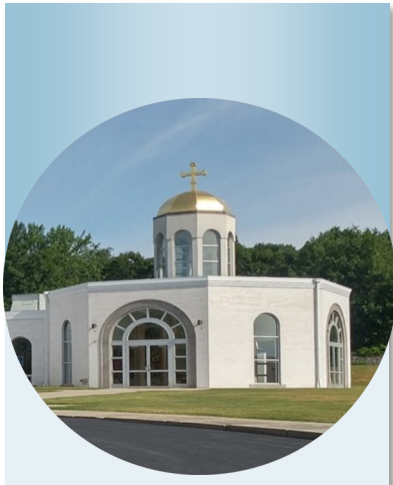
طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

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

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





Our church organizations:

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

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

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



Epistle: 26th of Pentecost, Ephesians 5: 8 – 19

PROKIMENON (Tone 1)

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

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

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians: 5: 8-19

BRETHREN, walk as children of light (for the fruit of the spirit is in all virtue and holiness and truth), testing what is well pleasing to the Lord, and have nothing to do with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For of the things that are done by people in secret, it is shameful even to speak; but all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light: for all that is made manifest is light. Thus, there is a saying, Awake, sleeper, and arise from among the dead, and Christ will enlighten you. (Is.26: 19) See to it, therefore, brethren, that you walk with care, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. Do not become foolish, then, but understand what is the Lord's will. And do not be drunk with wine, for in that is wantonness; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and chanting in your hearts to the Lord.

ALLELUIA (Tone 1)

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

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

Gospel: 13th of Holy Cross, Luke 18: 18-28 (The Rich Young Man)

At that time a certain man approached Jesus and asked him, saying, "Good Master, what shall I do to gain eternal life?" But Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but only God. You know the commandments; 'Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness. Honor thou father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have kept ever since I was a child." But when Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing is still lacking to you; sell everything you own, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When he heard these things, he was much grieved, for he was very rich. But Jesus, seeing him become sad, said, "With what difficulty will the wealthy enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And they who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" He said to them, "Things men cannot do alone, they can do with God's help."

الاحد السادس والعشرون بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

لتكن يا ربّ رحمته علينا، بحسب اتكالنا عليك
ابتهجوا أيها الصديقون بالربّ، بالمستقيمين يليق
التسبيح

الرسالة (أفسس 5: 8-19)

يا إخوة، أسلكوا كأبناء النور، فإن ثمر الروح هو في كلّ صلاح وبِرٍّ وحقٍّ، مختبرين ما هو مرضيٌّ لدى الربّ. ولا تشتركوا في أعمال الظلمة التي لا تمر لها، بل بالحري وبخوا عليها. فإن الافعال التي يفعلونها سرّاً يقبُحُ حتىّ ذكرها. لكنّ كلّ ما يُوتَبَخُ عليه يُعلَنُ بالنور، لأنّ كلّ ما يُعلَنُ هو نور. لذلك يقول: استيقظ أيها النائم، وقم من بين الاموات، فيضيء لك المسيح. فاحترصوا أذن ان تسلكوا بحذر لا كجهلاء، بل كحكماء مُفتدين الوقت، لان الايام شريرة. لذلك لا تكونوا أغبياء، بل أفهموا ما مشيئة الربّ. ولا تسكروا من الخمر التي فيها الدعارة، بل امتلئوا من الروح، متحاورين فيما بينكم بمزاميرٍ وتسابيحٍ وأغاني روحية، مُرنمين ومُرتلين في قلوبكم للربّ.

هللوا

الله هو المنتقم لي، ومُخضع الشعوب تحي
المعظم خلاص الملك، والصانع رحمة الى مسيحه.

الاحد الثالث عشر بعد الصليب

(لوقا 18: 28)

في ذلك الزمان، دنا الى يسوع انسانٌ مجرباً له وقائلاً: أيها المعلم الصالح، ماذا أعمل لأرث الحياة الأبدية؟ فقال له يسوع: لماذا تدعوني صالحاً؟ لا صالح إلا واحد هو الله. أنت تعرف الوصايا: لا تزني، لا تقتل، لا تسرق، لا تشهد بالزور، أكرم أباك وأمك. فقال: هذا كله قد حفظته منذ صباي. فلمّا سمع يسوع ذلك، قال له: واحدة تعوزك بعد: بئ كل شيء لك ووزعه على المساكين، فيكون لك كنز في السماء، ثم تعال اتبعني. فلما سمع ذلك، حزن لأنه كان غنياً جداً. فلمّا رآه يسوع قد حزن قال: ما أعسر على ذوي الأموال أن يدخلوا ملكوت الله! إنه لأسهل أن يدخل الجمل في ثقب الأبرة من أن يدخل غني ملكوت الله. فقال السامعون: فمن يستطيع إذن ان يخلص؟ فقال: ما لا يستطيع عند الناس مستطاع عند الله.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. FATHERS ALYPIUS THE STYLITE AND NIKON THE PREACHER OF PENANCE.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **PETER MASHATA (10th Anniv.)** by Eugenie Mashata & Family.
- + **DECEASED MEMBERS OF MASHATA AND TABBAKH FAMILIES** by Eugenie Mashata & Family.
- + **JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + **CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + **LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE** by Uncle Michael, Auntie B., & Greg & Katie.
- + **LITURGY FOR THE ALL- SOULS DAY INTENTIONS.**

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **YOUSEF GEORGI DEEB** by M/M Joseph Saggal.
- + **MAGEE MARTINEZ** by Najib & Seda Hana.
- + **RALPH R. ROWEY** by Farid Lataash.
- + **BUTRUS JAJEH** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **LITURGY FOR THE ALL-SOULS DAY INENTIONS.**

Prayer for the dead

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

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





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: NOVEMBER 26, 2023: Budgets: \$4,377.00 (Envelopes: \$4,285.00, Loose: \$92.00); Candles: \$77.00; Stole Offerings: \$325.00; Building Fund: \$85.00; Fuel Offerings: \$394.00; Sunday School Registration: \$20.00.

Father Ephrem has now been here three years and is fully available for parish services. Just email him at office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com and leave him your message. PLEASE! NO GRATUITIES! A cup of coffee or tea is just fine. He looks forward to in-person contact.

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

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

PRAYER OF THE MONTH: Lord Jesus, your heart was moved with pity for the crowds who followed you. Some of them were poor and had no work. Today you continue to look with pity upon the many people who are unemployed. Help them to find work. Help all of us to work for the changes that can lead to a world in which the human dignity of every person is respected. AMEN!

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

It is an established principle that our giving is to be according to our earnings. What do you suppose would happen if, on the other hand, God were to determine our earnings according to our giving? Would we be richer or poorer?

Next Sunday, December 3rd There will be two Divine Liturgies on the Feast of St. Barbara. However, there will be no Breakfast Club due to the luncheon immediately following 11:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

TODAY, 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 books, paper stock, visual aids and all that is involved to perfect our program and meet present day standards in this field of education.

REFLECTION: To "let go" is not to cut yourself off; it is the realization you can't control another."

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.



Following Jesus

Kids bulletin



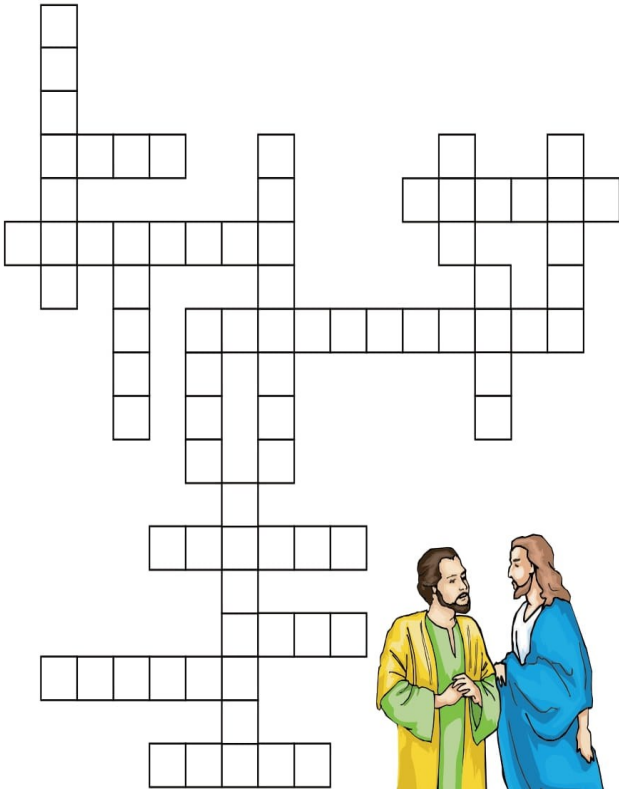
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A Rich Young Ruler

Complete the story of a rich young ruler who asks Jesus about how to achieve eternal life (Mark 10:17-27 KJV).
Fill in the blanks with words from the list. Then, fit the words into the puzzle.

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, _____ Master, what shall I do that I may inherit _____ life? And _____ said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not _____, Do not bear _____ witness, Defraud not, Honour thy _____ and _____. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and _____ to the _____, and thou shalt have _____ in _____: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great _____. And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a _____ man to enter into the _____ of God. And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with _____ all things are _____.

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فَمَاذَا يُعْوزُنِي بَعْدُ؟



اختيار الرجل قد أحزن يسوع أيضاً، لأن يسوع أحبه (مرقس 10: 21).

عندما قال يسوع للشباب أن يحفظ الوصايا، لم يقصد أنه يمكن أن يخلص من خلال طاعة الوصايا؛ بالأحرى، كان يسوع يشدد على الناموس كميّار الله الكامل. فإذا تمكنت من حفظ الناموس بشكل كامل، يمكنك النجاة من عقوبة الخطية - ولكن هذا شرط هائل. عندما أجاب الرجل أنه قد حفظ الناموس، تطرّق يسوع ببساطة إلى مسألة واحدة أثبتت أن الرجل لم يرق إلى مستوى قداسة الله. لم يكن الرجل على استعداد لاتباع الرب إذا كان ذلك يعني أنه يجب أن يتخلى عن ثروته. وهكذا، كان الرجل يكسر أعظم وصيتين؛ لم يحب الرب من كل قلبه، ولم يحب قريبه كنفسه. لقد أحب نفسه (وأمواله) أكثر. كان الرجل بعيداً عن حفظ "كل" الوصايا، كما ادعى، بل كان خاطئاً مثل أي شخص آخر. وقد أثبت الناموس ذلك.

لو كان الرجل قد أحب الله والناس أكثر مما أحب ممتلكاته، لكان على استعداد للتخلي عن ثروته في سبيل خدمة الله والناس. ولكن لم يكن هذا هو حاله. لقد صنع من ثروته صنماً، وقد أحبها أكثر من الله. كشف يسوع، بدقة متناهية، الجشع الكامن في قلب الرجل - جشع لم يشك حتى الرجل نفسه في وجوده. وقد ثبتت صحة عبارة يسوع عن كون الله وحده هو الصالح (متى 19: 18) من خلال استجابة الشاب لأمر يسوع.

لم يعلم المسيح أننا نخلص بأعمال الناموس في حديثه مع الشاب الغني. فرسالة الكتاب المقدس هي أن الخلاص يكون بالنعمة من خلال الإيمان (رومية 3: 20، 28؛ 4: 6؛ غلاطية 2: 16؛ أفسس 2: 9؛ تيموثاوس الثانية 1: 9). بالأحرى، استخدم يسوع حب الرجل للمال ليُظهر كيف فشل الرجل في استيفاء معيار الله المقدس - كما نفعل نحن جميعاً. كان الرئيس الشاب الغني بحاجة إلى المخلص، وكذلك نحن أيضاً.

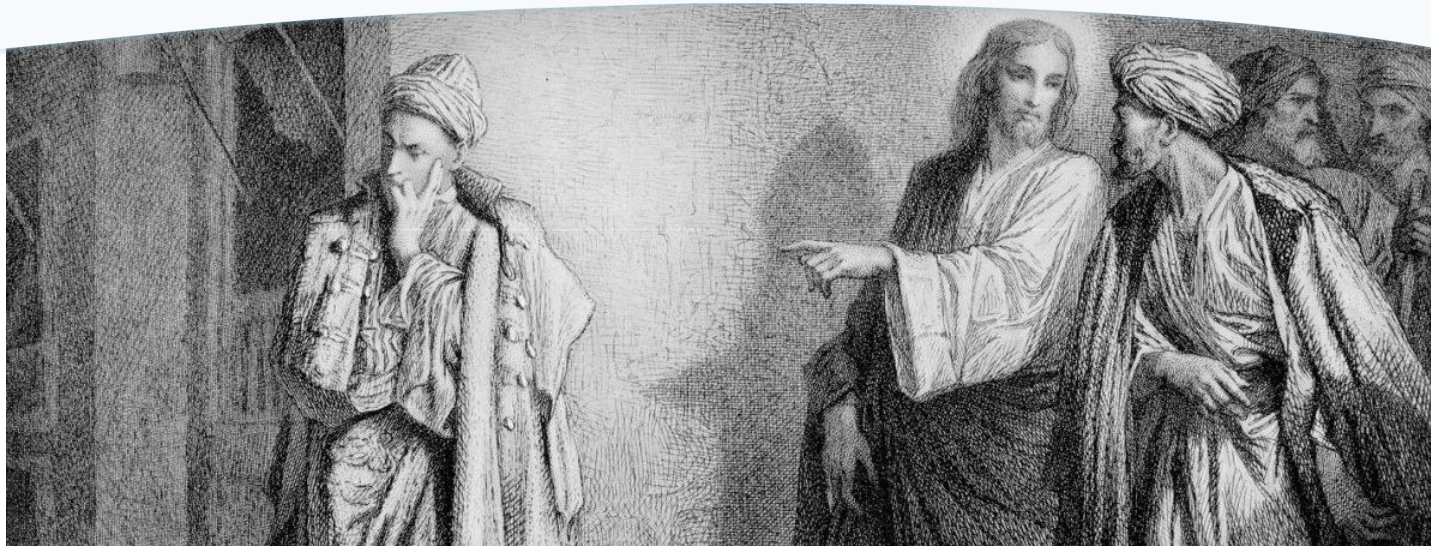
لكي نفهم رد يسوع على السؤال الذي طرحه الشاب الغني - "ما الذي يجب أن أفعله لأخلص؟" - يجب أن نأخذ في الاعتبار ثلاثة أشياء: خلفية الحاكم الشاب الغني، والغرض من سؤاله، وجوهر إنجيل يسوع المسيح. كان الشاب قد سأل يسوع: "أَيُّهَا الْمُعَلِّمُ الصَّالِحُ، أَيُّ صِلَاحٍ أَعْمَلُ لِتَكُونَ لِي الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ؟" (متى 19: 16). أجاب يسوع: "إِنْ أَرَدْتَ أَنْ تَدْخُلَ الْحَيَاةَ فَأَحْفَظِ الْوَصَايَا" (الآية 17). يبدو، للوهلة الأولى، أن يسوع يقول للشباب، وبالتالي لجميع الناس، أن عليه حفظ الوصايا لكي يخلص. لكن هل هذا حقاً ما كان يقوله؟ بما أن جوهر رسالة الخلاص هو أننا نخلص بالنعمة من خلال الإيمان (أفسس 2: 8-9)، فلماذا يقدم يسوع للشباب الغني "خطة بديلة"؟

قصة الشاب الغني موجودة في الأناجيل الثلاثة، متى 19: 16-23، مرقس 10: 17-22، لوقا 18: 18-23. يوصف الرجل بأنه "رئيس"، مما يعني أنه كان أميراً أو قاضياً من نوع ما. وحيث أن أي قائد روماني لم يكن ليخاطب يسوع بصفته "معلماً" أو "سيداً"، فمن المفترض أن هذا الرجل كان رئيساً يهودياً في المجمع المحلي. كان لهذا الرجل أيضاً "أَمْوَالٌ كَثِيرَةٌ" (متى 19: 22)، واستخدم يسوع فيما بعد حديثه مع هذا الرجل للتعليم بشأن التأثير الضار الذي يمكن أن يحدثه المال على رغبة المرء في الحياة الأبدية (الآيات 23-24). الدرس الذي استخلصه يسوع من هذه الحادثة يتعلق بالمال وليس الخلاص بالأعمال.

أول ما يقوله يسوع بشأن تحية الرجل له، "أَيُّهَا الْمُعَلِّمُ الصَّالِحُ"، هو تذكيره بأنه لا يوجد أحد صالح إلا الله (متى 19: 17). لم يكن يسوع ينكر ألوهيته. بل كان يسوع يدفع الرجل فوراً إلى التفكير في المعنى الحقيقي لكلمة "صالح" - بما أن الله وحده هو الصالح، فإن ما نسميه عادة الصلاح البشري قد يكون شيئاً آخر تماماً. تلعب هذه الحقيقة دوراً لاحقاً في المحادثة. عندما طلب الرجل من يسوع تحديد الوصايا التي يجب أن يحفظها، ذكر يسوع ست وصايا، بما في ذلك "أَجِبْ قَرِيْبَكَ كَتَفْسِيكَ" (متى 19: 19). أجاب الرجل: "هَذِهِ كُلُّهَا حَفِظْتُهَا ... فَمَاذَا يُعْوزُنِي بَعْدُ؟" (الآية 20)، وهذا تصريح مهم. من الواضح أن الشاب كان متديباً ومخلصاً في سعيه إلى البر. كانت مشكلته أنه كان يعتبر نفسه بلا عيب فيما يتعلق بالناموس. وهذه هي النقطة التي يتحداها يسوع.

قال يسوع للرجل: "إِنْ أَرَدْتَ أَنْ تَكُونَ كَامِلاً فَادْهَبْ وَبِعْ أَمْلاكَكَ وَأَعْطِ الْفُقَرَاءَ، فَيَكُونَ لَكَ كَنْزٌ فِي السَّمَاءِ، وَتَعَالَ تَابِعْنِي" (متى 19: 21). فرأى الشاب أن ما يطلبه يسوع كان كثيراً. لذلك، "مَضَى حَزِينًا، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ ذَا أَمْوَالٍ كَثِيرَةٍ" (الآية 22). وبدلاً من طاعة تعليمات يسوع، أدار ظهره للرب وذهب بعيداً. لا شك أن

**To save our lives we must lose them. To preserve our lives we must give them up.
To become great we must become small.**



In today's Gospel reading, we often focus on the fact that the young man did not give up all of his riches and follow Christ. In particular, we tend to focus on our Savior's words that "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." We usually forget about the first part of this story.

The young man asks our Savior what must he do to inherit eternal life. Our Savior instructs the fellow that he should keep the commandments and lists them by name. The young man answers that he has kept all these commandments from his youth. Let's for a moment examine ourselves.

With a clear conscience, are we able to say the same as the young man, that from our youth we have kept all of these commandments? Do we completely follow and keep all of the Ten Commandments which are the foundation of the moral life? Can we honestly put ourselves on the same level as this young man?

The young man persists in his questioning and asks if there is anything else he can do. Our Savior says yes, there is an additional path that he can take. If you would be perfect, you can give away all your riches, sell all your property and come and follow Me.

Today we would understand the second choice that our Savior offers the young man to be to choose the monastic life. There are two choices. The first choice is to live in what we call the "world," have our secular employment, be married and have a family and follow the commandments of God, or give up everything: family, money and property and enter a monastery. There are no other viable choices. It is either the one or the other.

There is a third choice, but it is not unto salvation but unto condemnation, and that is to follow the path of evil and to serve the devil. Not everyone is required to become a monastic. This is a beautiful and wonderful way of life but it is not for everyone. However, everyone is required to keep the commandments of God

as well as to be morally precise in living the Gospel. It makes no difference whether we are married or living in a monastery. The commandments of God are the same for everyone. The monastic life is simply stricter and at a higher level. More is given up for the sake of Christ. For those of us living in the world who do not completely physically give up all of our money, property and families, nonetheless, Christ must hold the first place in our hearts.

Our Savior tells us that we must not be more attached to anything else in this life more than to Christ. "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me isn't worthy of me" (Matt. 10:37). In a sense, then, monastics and those living in the world are called upon to do the same thing but in a different way.

Our Savior says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). In another place the Lord says, "You cannot serve God and mammon" (Matt. 6:24). Mammon is money and the greedy pursuit of gain. In life we are all called upon from time to time to deny ourselves for the sake of the other.

How often does the husband or wife deny their own desires in order to fulfill the desires of one's spouse? How often do parents deny their own wants for the sake of their children? How often do we make unselfish personal sacrifices in order to serve and to help others: family, friends, acquaintances, our neighbors, those in need, those who ask for help, everyone around us?



You do not necessarily have to be a monk or nun in order to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Christ. This commandment is given unto all of us and is the calling to everyone who would be a Christian. Whether in the monastery or not in the monastery, we all have the opportunities to share what we have with others, whether it be money, possessions, our love, our care and our concern, our prayers for others and not only for ourselves.

All of us must be doing and sharing and serving others with the



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



NOVEMBER	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Sts Cosmas and Damian 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8 Matthew 10:1, 5-8	2 St Akindinos and his companions 1 Thessalonians 2:9-14 Luke 11:47-12:1	3 Sts Acepsimas, Joseph and Aethalas 1 Thessalonians 2:14-20 Luke 12:2-12	4 St Hermias 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Luke 9:1-6
تشرين الثاني – نوفمبر 2023	5 5 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 2:4-10 Luke 16:19-31	6 St Paul the Confessor of Constantinople 1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8 Luke 12:13-15, 22-31	7 St Lazarus 1 Thessalonians 3:8-13 Luke 12:42-48	8 Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel محفل مقدس لرؤساء الملائكة Hebrews 2:2-10 Luke 10:16-21	9 St Matrona 1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:1-10 Luke 13:1-9	10 St Orestes 1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28 Luke 13:31-35	11 St Theodore the Studite 2 Corinthians 11:1-6 Luke 9:37-43
OCTOBER 2023	12 8 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثامن بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 2:14-22 Luke 10:25-37	13 St John Chrysostom Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	14 St Philip the Apostle Acts 8:26-39 John 1:43-51	15 Sts Gourias, Samonas and Habib 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Luke 15:1-10	16 St Matthew the Apostle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:9-13	17 St Gregory of Neo-Caesarea 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 Luke 16:15-18, 17:1-4	18 Holy Martyrs Plato and Romanos Galatians 1:3-10 Luke 9:57-62
DECEMBER 2023	19 9 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد التاسع بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 4:1-7 Luke 12:16-21	20 Preparation of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple 1 Timothy 1:1-7 Luke 17:20-25	21 The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple دخول السيدة إلى الهيكل Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	22 St Onesimos 1 Timothy 1:18-20, 2:8-15 Luke 18:15-17, 26-30	23 St Amphilochios 1 Timothy 3:1-13 Luke 18:31-34	24 St Clement of Rome 1 Timothy 4:4-8, 16 Luke 19:12-28	25 Leave-taking of the Entrance of the Theotokos Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34
	26 13 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثالث عشر بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 5:8-19 Luke 18:18-27	27 St James the Persian 1 Timothy 5:1-10 Luke 19:37-44	28 St Stephen the Latter 1 Timothy 5:11-21 Luke 19:45-48	29 Sts Paramon and Philumenes 1 Timothy 5:22-6:11 Luke 20:1-8	30 St Andrew the Apostle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 1:35-51		

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The Divine Liturgy Schedule

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

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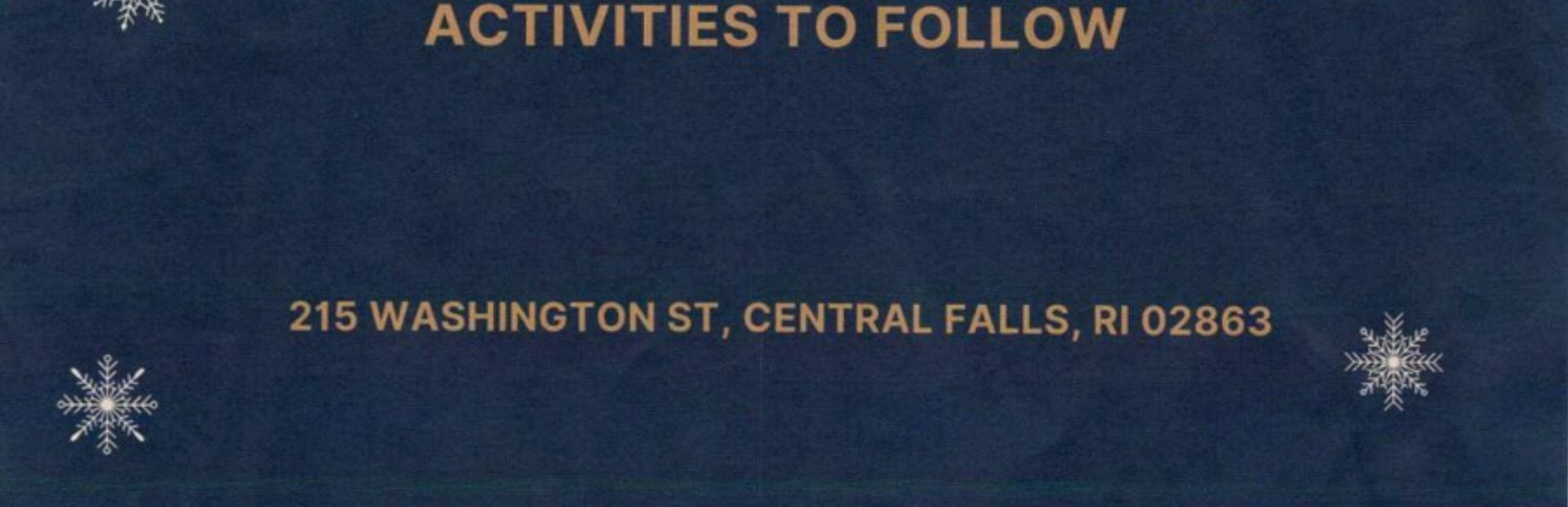
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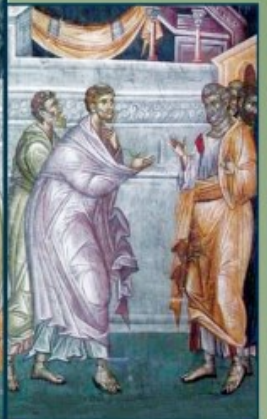
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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$329,240



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

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Total Registered Families: 410



Active Families: 200



% of Active Families Participation: 55%

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Current & Future Projects:



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

Important Highlights

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



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