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Divine Liturgy

Winter Schedule Begins This week

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Sunday: 11:15 AM

**Pastoral Emergencies
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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



14th Sunday After the Holy Cross

الأحد الرابع عشر بعد عيد الصليب

Troparion of the resurrection (2nd tone)

When You descended to death, O immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the splendor of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from below the earth, all the heavenly powers cried out to you: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

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, (3rd Tone)

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

نشيد القيامة باللحن الثاني

لما نزلت الى الموت، أيها الحياة الخالدة، أمت الجحيم بسنى لاهوتك. ولما أقمت الاموات من تحت الترى، صرخت جميع قوات السماوين: أيها المسيح ألهناء، يا مُعطي الحياة، المجد لك.

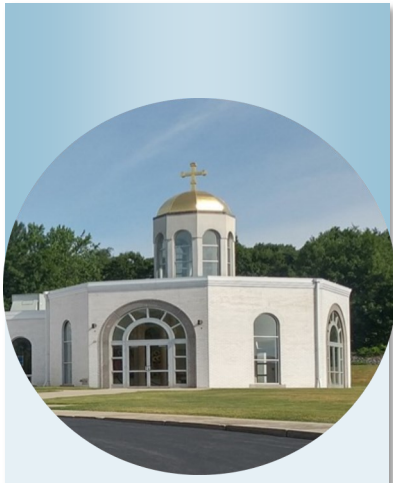
طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

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

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





Our church organizations:

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

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

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



EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 6:10-17

PROKIMENON (Tone 2)

My strength and my courage is the Lord,
and he has been my Savior.

Stichon: The Lord has chastised me through his teaching,
yet he has not delivered me to death.

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians: 6: 10-17

Brethren, be strengthened in the Lord and in the might of his power. Put on God's armor that you may be able to stand against the devil's wiles. For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness on high. Therefore, take up God's armor that you may be able to resist on the evil day and stand perfect in all things. Stand, therefore, wearing the belt of truth. And the breastplate of holiness and with your feet shod in the readiness of the Good News of peace, and in all things take up the shield of faith with which you will be able to put out all the flaming darts of the most wicked one. And take for yourselves the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, that is, God's word.

ALLELUIA (Tone 2)

The Lord shall hear you on the day of distress; the name of the God of Jacob shall defend you.

Stichon: O Lord, save your king and listen to us on whatever day we call upon you.

GOSPEL: Lk. 18:35-43, Fourteenth Sunday After the Holy Cross

At that time when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a certain blind man was sitting by the wayside, begging; but hearing a crowd passing by, he inquired what this might be. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus Son of David, have mercy on me!" And they who went in front angrily tried to silence him. But he cried out all the louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then Jesus stopped and commanded that he should be brought to him. And when he drew near, He asked him, saying, "What would you have me do for you?" And he said "Lord, that I may see." And Jesus said to him, "Receive you sight, your faith has saved you." And at once he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people upon seeing it gave praise to God.

رسالة الاحد السابع والعشرون بعد العنصرة

الرَّبُّ قَوِّيَ وَتَسْبِيحِي،

لَقَدْ كَانَ لِي خِلاصًا

أَدَّبَنِي الرَّبُّ تَأْدِيبًا،

وَإِلَى الْمَوْتِ لَمْ يُسَلِّمْنِي

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الى اهل أفسس (أفسس 6: 10-17)

يا أخوة، تشدّدوا في الربِّ وفي قدرة قوته. لبسوا سلاح الله الكامل، لتستطيعوا مقاومة مكاييد إبليس. فإنّ مصارعتنا ليست ضدّ دمٍ ولحم، بل ضدّ الرئاسات، ضدّ السلطات، ضدّ سائدي العالم، عالم ظلمة هذا الدهر، ضدّ قوى الشرِّ الروحية في السماويّات. فلذلك خُدوا سلاح الله الكامل، لتستطيعوا المقاومة في اليوم الشرير، حتى إذا تممّتم كلَّ شيءٍ تثبتون. فانهضوا اذن وشُدّوا أحقاءكم بالحقِّ، واللبسوا دِرْعَ اليَرِّ. وانعلوا أقدامكم باستعداد انجيل السلام. وأحملوا فوق هذه كلّها نُزْنَ الايمان، الذي به تقدرون أن تُطْفِئوا جميع سهام الشرير المُلتَهَبَةِ. واتخذوا حُوْدَةَ الخلاص وسيف الروح، الذي هو كلمة الله

هللوا

ليستجب لك الربُّ في يوم الضيق، ليعضدك أسمٌ إليه يعقوب

يا ربُّ خَلِّص الملك، وأستجب لنا يوم ندعوك

الاحد الرابع عشر بعد عيد الصليب (لوقا 18: 35 – 43)

في ذلك الزمان، لمّا اقترب يسوع من أريحا، كان أعمى جالساً على الطريق يستعطي. فلَمّا سمع الجمع المجتاز، سأل ما هذا، فأخبر بأن يسوع الناصريّ عابر. فصرخ قائلاً: يا يسوع ابن داود أرخمني. فجعل المتقدّمون يزجورونه ليسكت، أمّا هو فكان يزداد صراخاً: يا ابن داود أرخمني. فوقف يسوع وأمر أن يُقَادَ إليه. فلَمّا قُرِبَ سألُه قائلاً: ماذا تُريد أن أصنع لك؟ فقال: يا سيدي أن أبصر. فقال له يسوع: أبصر، إنّ إيمانك قد خلّصك. وفي الحال أبصر وتبعه وهو يُمجد الله. وإذ رأى الشعب كلّ ذلك سبّحوا الله.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. PROPHET ZEPHANIAH.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- +ANTHONY J. KUFFREY (6th Anniv.) by Caroline St. Germain & Family.
- +ROSE POOLE (25th Anniv.) by Susan & David Yany & Family.
- +JOHN POOLE (45th Anniv.) by Susan & David Yany & Family.
- +GEORGE J. NASSANEY (34th Anniv.) by the Lazieh, Ghazal & Nassaney Families.
- +VICTORIA (THOMAS) LAZIEH (30th Anniv.) by her children & grandchildren.
- +The THOMAS, HOYEK, SADIE ABRAHAM, MENDONCA, BARBOUR, YAZBEK, IRANI, LAZIEH & NASSANEY FAMILIES by the Lazieh & Ghazal Families.

11:15a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- +RAYMOND A. SAGGAL (11th Anniv.) of Australia by Joe & Yolanda Saggal.
- +YOUSEF AGHIA (4th Anniv.) by his wife Rouaida & Children.
- +JOSEPHINE SABBAGH by Wayne & Judy Rawan & Family
- +YOUSEF GEORGI DEEB by M/M Bishara Tahhan.
- +RALPH R. ROWEY by Thomas & Fran Nichols.
- +JULIA, FRED & ELIAS j. KISHFY by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.
- + MAGEE MARTINEZ by George J. Mardo.

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: \$1,032.00 (Envelopes: \$972.00, Loose: \$60.00); Candles: \$93.00; Stole Offerings: \$150.00; Building Fund: \$40.00; Melkite Diocesan Support: \$282.00; All Souls Gift: \$260.00.

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

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

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

VOCATION VIEW: God needs messengers to continually to call people to the great work of salvation, for the invited so often are distracted by other concerns. Often as Paul, observes, those called are not open to those of "other" groups who are also called to form the Body of Christ in the parish. Priests are urgently needed for this saving ministry. Pray that God calls many, and that many respond.

Please make this **Christmas first and foremost a Spiritual Feast.** Make your peace with God in the MYSTERY OF CONFESSION. Receive Him in Holy Communion. Begin the New Year reconciled to God and determine to worship Him regularly. May Christmas bring a rebirth of grace to you individually, to your family and to our whole Parish Community. Together may we "grow to the full maturity of Christ". (Ephesians 4:15) during the year.

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

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 judge, but to allow another to be a human being."

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



True or False: What did Jesus say?

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

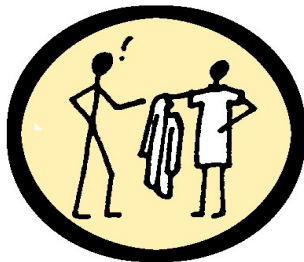


1. When someone hits you on one cheek, you should hit them back.
True or False?

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

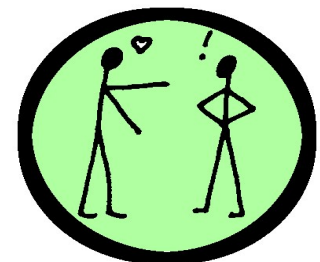


3. If someone makes you walk a mile with them, you should walk two miles.
True or False?



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

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



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



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



بروي الإنجيل (را. يو 9، 1-14) حادثة الرجل الأعمى منذ ولادته، والذي أعاد إليه يسوع البصر. هذه المعجزة هي علامة تؤكد ما قاله يسوع عن نفسه: "أنا نور العالم" (الآية 5)، النور الذي ينير ظلماتنا. يعمل يسوع على مستويين: على مستوى الجسد والروح. إنه يمنح الأعمى أولاً أن يرى بعيني الجسد، ثم يقوده إلى الإيمان "بابن الإنسان" (الآية 35)، أي بيسوع. والآيات التي يصنعها ليست معجزات لإذهال الناس، بل تهدف إلى توصيلهم إلى الإيمان من خلال مسيرة تحول وتوبة في داخل النفس.

أصرَّ الفريسيون وعلماء الشريعة على رفض الاعتراف بالمعجزة، وطرحوا أسئلة ماكرة على الرجل الذي شُفي. واجههم الأعمى بقوة الواقع: "أعرف أمراً واحداً: كنت أعمى والآن أنا أبصر" (آية 25). بين عدم الثقة والعداء في قلوب الذين يحيطون به ويسألونه وهم غير مؤمنين، بدأ الرجل الأعمى مسيرة حملته تدريجاً إلى اكتشاف هوية الشخص الذي فتح عينيه، وإلى الاعتراف والإيمان به. في البداية اعتبره نبيّ (الآية 17)، ثم اعترف به أنه رجل من عند الله (را. آية 33)؛ وأخيراً قبله على أنه المسيح وسجد له (را. الآيات 36-38). وفهم أن يسوع، إذ منحه البصر، "أظهر فيه أعمال الله" (را. الآية 3).

لبنّا نقوم نحن أيضاً بهذه الخبرة! بنور الإيمان، اكتشف الأعمى هويته الجديدة. إنه الآن "خليقة جديدة"، قادر على رؤية حياته والعالم من حوله في ضوء جديد، لأنه دخل في شركة مع المسيح. لم يعد متسولاً مهمشاً من قبل المجتمع؛ لم يعد عبداً للعمى وللأفكار المسيئة. مسيرة النور التي بدأها هي صورة ومجاز لمسيرة التحرر من الخطيئة التي نحن مدعوون إليها. تشبه الخطيئة حجاً مغطياً يغطي وجهنا ويمنعنا من رؤية أنفسنا والعالم بوضوح. المغفرة التي يمنحنا إياها الله تزيل ستار الظلم والظلام وتمنحنا نوراً جديداً. ليكن الصوم الذي نعيشه الزمن المناسب والتممين للاقتراب من الرب يسوع، طالبين رحمته، من خلال طرق مختلفة تقترحها علينا الكنيسة الأم.

الرجل الأعمى الذي شُفي، والذي يرى الآن بعيني الجسد والروح، هو صورة لكل شخص معمد، غمرته النعمة، فبددت الظلمات فيه، ووضعت في نور الإيمان. لكن لا يكفي قبول النور. يجب أن نصير نوراً. كل واحد منا مدعو لقبول النور الإلهي ولإظهاره في حياتنا كلها. قال المسيحيون الأوائل، ولاهوتيون القرون الأولى، أن جماعة المسيحيين، أي الكنيسة، هي "سر القمر"، لأنها تعطي النور، الذي ليس نورها، بل النور الذي تستقبله من المسيح. نحن أيضاً يجب أن نكون "سر القمر": لإعطاء النور الذي نقبله من الشمس، أي المسيح، الرب. يذكرنا بذلك القديس بولس اليوم بقوله: "سيروا أبناء النور. فإن ثمر النور يكون في كل صلاح وبر وحق" (إف 5، 8-9). إن بذار الحياة الجديدة التي وضعت فينا في المعمودية هي مثل شرارة النار، التي تُطهرنا أولاً، وتحرق الشر الذي في قلوبنا، ثم تسمح لنا بأن نشع ونضيء لغيرنا.

لتساعدنا مريم العذراء الكلية القداسة لنقتدي بالرجل الأعمى الذي ذكره الإنجيل، حتى يغمرنا نور المسيح ونسير معه على طريق الخلاص.

The miracle of sight

If we are sincere about asking God to “open our eyes,” to see as God sees, then we must also be willing to change the way we live our lives so that our lives reflect God’s point to view, and not ours.

Here’s an example of how life changes once you’re given a new perspective. How many of you wear glasses or contact lenses? Then you might know what I am talking about. When I was in the 6th grade, I got my first pair of glasses. When I stepped out of the doctor’s office into the parking lot, the first thing I saw was this tree. Now, I had never in my life seen a tree like that. Before I got the glasses, I thought trees were just blobs of green and brown and red and orange. Theoretically, I knew what a tree looked like. I could see leaves and bark and such. But after I saw them through my new glasses, I realized that a tree was more than just leaves and bark. The leaves had lines, and edges, and curves. There were birds in the trees that I could see. There were cracks and grooves in the bark that I had missed before.

Finally being able to see the detail, the intricacies of nature, and its true beauty is like how God sees each of us. In the first reading, God told Samuel that God doesn’t see as humans see. We can only see part of the picture, what’s on the outside of a person. But God sees deeper, into the heart of that person. God sees the fullness of that person’s potential. God sees that person’s intricate and detailed beauty.

How differently we would act if each time we encountered our co-workers or neighbors or people on the street, we saw Christ. How differently we would treat our parents, our children, our spouse, and our classmates, our friends, our enemies. How differently we would treat the people who sit around us in church, the people we see here every week but to whom we never talk, the people who don’t speak our language, the people who don’t look, act, or think the way we do. How differently we would treat the beggar, the homeless, the people we label as failure, as sinner, the people we label as conservative, liberal, gay, straight, too old, too young, too dark, too light, too smart, too dumb, too much of something that doesn’t fit our point of view. Imagine if each time we encounter each other, each time we speak with one another, we “see” Christ, we “hear” Jesus. How different our world would be.

Our Lord chooses to heal through the medium of mud. Ordinary mud, the stuff that we scrape off of our shoes, the stuff that we try to step over. Jesus took common dirt, mixed it with His own saliva and smeared it upon the blind man’s eyes. It all sounds very mysterious, and so it must have appeared to bystanders.

Then the impossible happens, and people don’t know what to think. Those who were Jesus’ enemies were prepared to condemn Him, the healed man, everything about the healing. It wasn’t the right time, right place, or right person. Our Lord’s friends were prepared to give thanks to God and to rejoice. We do not need to ask ourselves about



which camp we are in. We are His friends, and need to become more so. And the way to that deeper friendship is to consider how God acts in our lives, as He did in the life of the blind man.

This mud, this healing, tells us a lot about how God acts through the most ordinary and common things of life—even through things that we try our best to stay away from. Those are oftentimes God’s chosen instruments. This includes people, unpleasant situations, and so many other things over which we have no control. For us, too, it is not always the “right” time, place, or even the “right” person who might mediate God’s grace to us.

We have to remember that our lives are all about friendship with a God who became an ordinary man and lived most of his life in a most ordinary village, applying himself to the most humble occupations. He worked long hours and was paid for His labor. If we are always on the lookout for the extraordinary in religion we will only find what our imagination produces.

Sometimes people drive themselves crazy imagining all sorts of extraordinary things about themselves and others which simply have no basis in reality. Strong mental images and strong feelings do not change reality, and they do not prepare us to receive God’s intervention in our lives in the thousand and one humble ways that He chooses to make use of. This is why the advice of true mystics. The arena of Christian struggle and perfection, the venue of our spiritual growth, is the same earth upon which our Savior worked, prayed, preached, and suffered. As He enlightens us to see this, then our outlook becomes truly Christian, and we begin to look out for the divine in daily life. This blind man who found healing at the hands of Christ was not looking for it; that would have been most extraordinary and unusual. He was simply begging because he was, simply, blind. He was doing his best under the circumstances. And the Lord knew that and everything else about him and so chose him to receive this miracle that would lead to his confession of faith: “I do believe, Lord.”

And in the midst of the bustling Temple area, where people were going about their ordinary business, he fell down and worshipped his God. Jesus also wills to fill our eyes with this light, so that they open to this startling discovery of faith: In the Lord’s hands, the ordinary “clay” of daily life becomes a reason to believe.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



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

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Divine Liturgy

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

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

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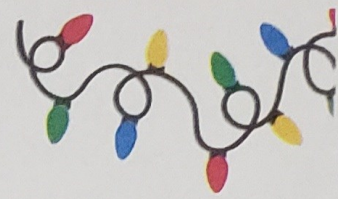
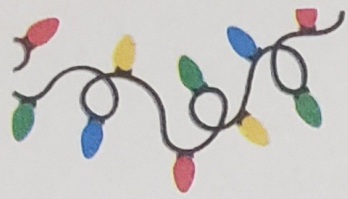
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We will be distribute all donations prior to Thanksgiving. Collection boxes will be marked and placed outside the kitchen, in the hallways, and outside of the 4th grade classroom.

Contact any MYO member for a donation, or call
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or
Christine Barrett at 401-265-0386.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.



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

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Monday, December 11, at 6 p.m.

St. Basil's Cultural Center

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St. Basil's Church



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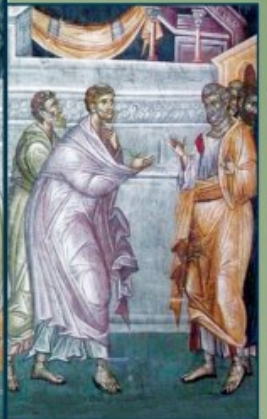
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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$329,240



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 410



Active Families: 200



% of Active Families Participation: 55%

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

Current & Future Projects:



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

Important Highlights

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



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

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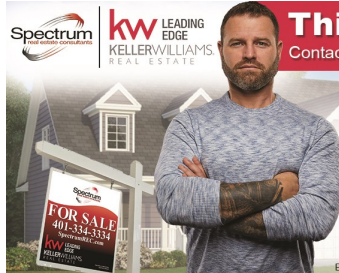
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