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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



3rd Sunday After Pentecost الاحد الثالث بعد العنصرة

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Sunday 10:00 am

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Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

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

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

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

Troparion of the Resurrection, (Tone 2)

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the splendor of Your Divinity, and when You raised the dead from under the ground, all the Powers of heaven cried out: O Christ our God, the giver of life, 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:

O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

Epistle Romans 5:1-10—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.

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 ألهنا، يا مُعطي الحياة، المجد لك.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

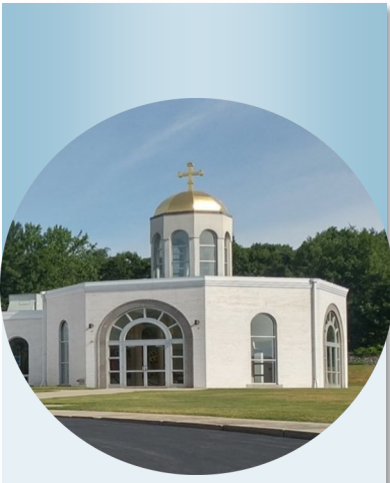
نشيد الختام (القنداق)

يا نصيرة المسيحيين التي لا تُخزي، ووسيطتهم الدائمة لدى الخالق، لا تعرضي عن أصوات الخطاة الطالبين اليك. بل بما أنك صالحة، بادري إلى معونتنا، نحن الصارخين اليك بإيمان: هلمي إلى الشفاعة، وأسري إلى الإبتهاال، يا والدة الإله المحامية دائماً عن مكرميك.

مقدمة الرسالة

الرَّبُّ قُوَّتِي وتسبيحي لقد كان لي خلاصاً
أدَّبني الرَّبُّ تأديباً، وإلى الموت لم يُسلمني





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>



Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans

Brethren, now that we have been justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have access by faith to that grace in which we stand and exult in the hope of God's glory.

And not only this, but we exult also in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces endurance, and endurance challenge, and challenge hope, and hope does not deceive, for God's love is poured forth in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

For why did Christ die at the appointed time for the wicked while we were still weak? Hardly would someone die for a just man; perhaps someone would have the courage to die for a virtuous man. But God proves His love for us, since Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Much more now that we are made just in His blood, shall we be saved by Him from wrath.

For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled with God through His death, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

ALLELUIA (Tone 2)

May the Lord answer you in the days of distress; may the name of the God of Jacob defend you.

Stichon: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance

Gospel 3rd Sunday after Pentecost,

Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said: The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. Therefore, if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness itself! No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will stand by the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat and drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall wear. Is not life a greater thing than food, and the body than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they? But which of you by being anxious about it can add to his stature a single cubit? And as for clothing, why are you anxious? See how the lilies of the field grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was adorned like one of these. But if God so clothes the wild flower of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith! Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?', or, 'What are we to wear?' (For all these things the Gentiles seek); for your heavenly Father knows you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all the rest shall be given you besides."

الرسالة (رومة 5: 10-1)

يا إخوة، إذ قد بُرِّزنا بالإيمان، لنا سلامٌ لدى الله برَّبنا يسوع المسيح الذي نلنا به أيضاً الدخول بالإيمان إلى هذه النعمة، التي نحنُ مقيمون فيها، ومفتخرون في رجاء مجد الله. وليس هذا فقط، بل نفتخر أيضاً في الشدائد، عالمين بأنَّ الشدَّة تُنشئ صبراً والصبرُ امتحاناً، والامتحانُ رجاءً، والرجاءُ لا يُخزي، لان محبَّة الله قد أُفيضت في قلوبنا بالروح القدس المُعطي لنا. لان المسيح، ونحنُ بعد ضعفاء، قد مات في الاوانِ عن الكافرين. ولا يكادُ أحدٌ يموت عن بارٍّ، فلعلَّ أحدًا يُقدِّم أن يموت عن صالح. أما الله فيُبرهنُ على محبته لنا، بأنَّ المسيح، ونحن بعد خطاة، قد مات عنا، فبالأحرى كثيراً إذ قد بُرِّزنا بدمه نخلص به من الغضب. لانا إذا كنَّا قد صولحنا مع الله بموت ابنه ونحنُ أعداء، فبالأحرى كثيراً ونحنُ مصالحوْنَ نخلصُ بحياته.

هللوا

ليستجب لك الربُّ في يوم الضيق، ليعضدك اسمُ اله يعقوب

خلص يا ربُّ شعبك، وبارك ميراثك

انجيل الاحد الثالث بعد العنصرة

الانجيل (متى 6: 22-33)

قال الرب: سراجُ الجسد العين. فإن كانت عينُك بسيطة، فجسدُك كله يكون نيراً. وإن كانت عينُك شريرة، فجسدُك كله يكون مُظلماً. وإذا كان النور الذي فيك ظلاماً، فالظلامُ كم يكون مُدْلهماً؟ لا يستطيع أحد أن يعبد ربَّين. فإنه إما يُبغض الواحد ويحب الآخر، أو يلازم الواحد ويؤذِل الآخر. لا تقيرون أن تعبدوا الله والمال. فلهذا أقول لكم: لا تهتمُّوا لنفسيكم بما تأكلون، بما تشربون، ولا لجسديكم بما تلبسون. أليست النفسُ أفضل من الطعام، والجسدُ أفضل من اللباس؟ أنظروا إلى طيور السماء، فإنها لا تزرع ولا تحصد ولا تجمع في الأهراء، وأبوكم السماوي يقوتها. أفلمستم أنتم أفضل منها؟ من منكم يقدرُ باهتمامه، أن يزيد على قامته ذراعاً واحدة؟ ولماذا تهتمُّون باللباس؟ تأملوا زنايق الحقل كيف تنمو. إنها لا تتعب ولا تغزل. وأنا أقول لكم: إنَّ سليمان نفسه في كلِّ مجده لم يلبس كواحدة منها. فإذا كان عُشب الحقل الذي يكون اليوم، وغداً يُطرح في التَّنور، يلبسه الله هكذا، أفلا يلبسكم بالأحرى أنتم يا قليلي الايمان. فلا تهتمُّوا إذن قائلين، ماذا نأكل، أو ماذا نشرب، أو ماذا نلبس. فإن هذا كله تطلبه الأمم، وأبوكم السماوي يعلم أنكم تحتاجون إلى هذا كله. بل اطلبوا أولاً ملكوت الله وبره، وهذا كله يُزاد لكم.





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, SATURDAY, JUNE 25, AND SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. FATHER DAVID OF THESSALONICA.

5:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **JULIA (NOURY) NASSANEY** by her nieces & nephews.
- + **MARY A. (NOURY) MOON (Birthday Remem.)** by her children & grandchildren.
- + **JAMES & LILLIAN SALOME** by the Family.
- + **CATHERINE KANDO** by the Perry Family
- + **FRED NASHAWATY** by Pamela Desmarais.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Sarah Peters.
- + **BARBARA JEAN SANTANIELLO** by Hon. Thomas Lazieh & Sons.
- + **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.

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **GREGORY NAZARIAN, ESQ.** by his mother Patricia, brother Dr. David & Family.
- + **JUDITH NESSRALLA (Birthday Remem.)** by her sister Patricia Nazarian & Family.
- + **HON. JUDGE GEORGE NAZARIAN** by his wife Patricia & son Dr. David & Family.
- + **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ)** by Justin & Danielle Boudjouk & Family.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by Mrs. Najat Madour.
- + **PATRICIA MC DONALD** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by John & Najat Alkhoury & Family.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: June 19, 2022: Budgets: \$1,904.00: Envelopes: \$1,850, Loose: \$54.00; Candles: \$58.00; Building Fund: \$40.00; Pascha Palms by St Vincent de Paul Society, \$300.00; Cemetery by St. Vincent de Paul Society, \$300.00.

PLEASE NOTE: Before making any **ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS**, please contact the Church in advance. We would rather not have you disappointed if you've already made commitments without checking our schedule first.

GENERAL HOME VISITATIONS, SICK CALLS, HOSPITAL VISITS: Father Ephrem has been fully vaccinated and is now available for these parish services. Just email him at office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com and leave him your message. **PLEASE! NO GRATUITIES!** A cup of coffee or tea is just fine. He looks forward to in-person contact.

Canon Law prohibits accepting stipends or offerings for Liturgies more than one year in advance (rolling calendar) Canon 953. The time within which Liturgies must be celebrated (1 year) begins the day the intention is received. (Canon 955 #2). Formerly under the jurisdiction of the local Latin Ordinaries before the Exarchate was established under the leadership of the late Bishop Justin Najmy of this Parish, all Melkites have been subject to the latter since its erection in 1966. The Constitution of the Melkite Eparchy which is now a sole Diocese since 1976 still acknowledges this definitive protocol. Our parishes follow local discipline in the various customs e.g. every day clergy attire, stipends (Liturgy Offerings), etc. except in Liturgy and Ritual. Our relationship with the local Latin Dioceses and Latin pastors must be permeated with a spirit of love and friendship and cooperation.

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

Thus far, all Liturgy Offerings received from Funerals, which exceeded more than one year or even more, have had the maximum and minimum celebrations. Surplus ones have been deposited in the Building Fund, and placed on the altar and remembered collectively, similar 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 canonical guidelines and restrictions.

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.**

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.

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.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
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O Jesus, Who has said,
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SUMMER IS GREAT: It's a time to relax, to vacation, to take life at a slower pace. However, the summer months pose special problems for your Church. Bills still come in even though income is down. Due to vacations, our normal Sunday offerings are way down. Don't forget that your church is as important to the work of the Lord during the summer as at any other time of the year. There is no vacation from the expenses of the Church. Just as you wouldn't neglect other bills for two months or more, please do not neglect the Lord's work. Please help us by keeping your financial commitment current this summer.

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

TODAY, JUNE 25th & 26th, there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT.** Please help us subsidize our monthly payment for the operation of our Diocese. Please give generously.

THIS YEAR'S SUMMER FESTIVAL, EID EL SAYDEH, SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th and SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th:

(No outside food, drinks or hookahs allowed – Rain or Shine this event will take place)

Fun for All Ages and an Excellent Arabic Cuisine for two days!

The goal of the festival is to promote the rich heritage and culture of the Middle East, provide an opportunity to network and connect with others in the community. Many volunteers are needed to help with set-up, activities, cooking, clean up, and tear down. Various donations, and banners are most welcomed and needed. You may sign up with *Samir Boudjouk* in the lobby of the Church or with any member of the Committee.

REFLECTION: There are two ways to get enough: one is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less.

**FOOD FAIR COOKING SCHEDULE
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

Syrian Cheese – Monday, July 18 @ 10:00 a.m.
Sfeeha – Tuesday, July 26 @ 10: 00 a.m.
Sfeeha – Thursday, August 4 @ 10:00 a.m.
Kibbeh – Tuesday, August 23 @ 10:00
Sfeeha – Tuesday, September 6 @ 10:00 a.m.
Grapeleaves – Wednesday, September 14 @ 10:00 a.m.

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**FOOD FAIR BAKING SCHEDULE
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

Kaak – Thursday, September 1 @ 10:00 a.m.
Mamool – Thursday, September 22 @ 10:00 a.m.
Ka'ta – Saturday, October 1, @ 10:00 a.m.
Ba'lawa – Saturday, October 8, @ 10:00 a.m.

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العناية الإلهية والثقة الانسانية



(يوحنا ٤: ٣٤). «الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي وَأَتِمَّ عَمَلَهُ
ثالثاً: يقدّم الرب يسوع علاجاً لمرض الهم
الطيور والزهور: انظروا إلى طيور السماء،
وتأملوا زنايق الحقل كيف تنمو.

الطيور: هي الأقل في المملكة الحيوانية، لا تزرع ولا تحصد والآب
خَمْسَةُ عَصَافِيرٍ تَبَاغُ «السموي يعطيها الطعام. كما أن ثمنها بخس
، وحتى المكروه كالغربان أبوكم يهتم به (لوقا ١٢: ٦، ٢٤). «بِفَلْسَيْنِ
وَلَا سُلَيْمَانُ فِي كَلِّ» الزهور: هي الأقل في المملكة النباتية، ورغم بساطتها
فَإِنَّ كَانِ «ثم يستطرد الرب مطمئناً بالقول. «مَجْدِهِ كَانِ يَلْبَسُ كَوَاحِدَةً مِنْهَا
عُشْبُ الْحَقْلِ الَّذِي يُوجَدُ الْيَوْمَ وَيُطْرَحُ غَدًا فِي النَّثْوَرِ يُلْبِسُهُ اللَّهُ هَكَذَا، أَفَلَيْسَ
(متى ٦: ٢٩-٣٠). «بِالْحَرِيِّ جَدًّا يُلْبِسُكُمْ أَنْتُمْ يَا قَلِيلِي الْإِيمَانِ؟

أبوكم السماوي: يلفت الرب يسوع الأنظار إلى الآب السماوي السخي في
لأنَّ «، وأيضاً «وَأَبُوكُمُ السَّمَائِيُّ يَفُوتُهَا» العطاء، فيطمئن قلوبنا بالقول:
(متى ٦: ٢٦، ٣٢). «أَبَاكُمُ السَّمَائِيُّ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّكُمْ تَحْتَاجُونَ إِلَى هَذِهِ كُلِّهَا

اطلبوا أولاً ملكوت الله وبره: يختتم الرب حديثه المطمئن بحث مؤمنيه
بطلب ملكوت الله. وهذا يعني طلب سيادة الله وكلامه، وطلب بره يعني
تجاوبنا نحن مع كلامه والعيشة به. عش للرب واطلب واهتم أن يكون هو
السيد. ولم يقل الرب يسوع ثم اهتم بعد ذلك بأمورك، لا بل النتيجة أن الآب
السماوي نفسه سيهتم بأمورك. لقد ذهب دانيال إلى غليته لا ليطلب انقاذه من
الأسود، بل صلى وحمد كما كان يفعل، والرب أرسل ملاكه وسد أفواه
الأسود.

عزيزي أرجو ملاحظة أن هذه ليست دعوة للتواكل بل للاتكال على الآب
السماوي. والرب يسوع نفسه الذي علّم بالاتكال على الآب، هو الذي أمر
بطرس أن يذهب للبحر ويصطاد لكي يسدد ما عليه. إن المؤمنين الحقيقيين
يتمتعوا بهذا الإيمان وهذه الفضيلة، أي الثقة في الإلهم والطمأن الكامل أنه
يعتني بهم.

«لَمْ أَرْ صَدِيقًا تُخْلِي عَنْهُ وَلَا ذُرِّيَّةً لَهُ تَلْتَمِسُ خُزْراً» يقول المختبر
(مزمور ٣٧: ٢٥). فهل يا ترى تمتعت بهذا الإيمان الوثاق والاتكال الكامل
على أبيك السماوي؟

إنه يعلم احتياجنا قبل أن نسال، بل ويملا كل احتياجنا بحسب غناه في المجد
في المسيح يسوع.

هل المؤمن المسيحي مستثنى من المعاناة
والضغوطات في هذه الأيام الصعبة؟
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أولاً: ضرورة الابتعاد عن مرض العصر وهو الهم

لَا تَهْتَمُّوا «ثلاث مرات في حديث الرب لسامعيه يحذرهم من الهم؛ قائلاً:
ومرة ثانية. «لِحَبَاتِكُمْ بِمَا تَأْكُلُونَ وَبِمَا تَشْرَبُونَ وَلَا لِأَجْسَادِكُمْ بِمَا تَلْبَسُونَ
وأخيراً «فَلَا تَهْتَمُّوا قَائِلِينَ: مَاذَا نَأْكُلُ أَوْ مَاذَا نَشْرَبُ أَوْ مَاذَا نَلْبَسُ؟» يقول
(متى ٦: ٢٥-٣١). لا نهتم سواء بيوماً ولا بغداً.

ثانياً: لماذا يجب ألا نهتم؟

الْأَيْسَتُ الْحَيَاةُ «الله أعطانا الأعلى، وهي الحياة، كيف لا يهينا ما هو زهيد؟
(متى ٦: ٢٥). «أَفْضَلُ مِنَ الطَّعَامِ وَالْجَسَدِ أَفْضَلُ مِنَ اللَّبَاسِ؟

تَأْمَلُوا زَنَايِقَ «الله يهتم بخلائقه العجماء أفلا يهتم بمن هم أعلى خلائقه؟
(متى ٦: ٢٨). فالطيور نرى فيها «الْحَقْلُ كَيْفَ تَنْمُو! لَا تَتْعَبُ وَلَا تَغْرُلُ
تسديد المأكّل وهذا ما أكده السيد بقوله تأملوا الغربان. والزنايق نرى فيها
الملبس ولا سليمان في كل مجده كان يلبس كواحدة منها.

أحبائي أننا كمؤمنين بالمسيح أعضاء جسمه ومن لحمه باكورة من خلائقه،
أي أفضل خلائقه؟ ألا يهتم بنا؟

«وَمَنْ مِنْكُمْ إِذَا اهْتَمَّ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَزِيدَ عَلَى قَامَتِهِ ذِرَاعاً وَاحِدَةً؟» الهم لا ينفع:
(متى ٦: ٢٧). قال أحدهم إن الهم لا ينزع من الغد مخاوفه، لكنه ينزع من
أَلْقِ عَلَى الرَّبِّ هَمَّكَ فَهُوَ «اليوم سلامه وطمأنينته. وما أروع ما قاله الوحي
(مزمور ٥٥: ٢٢). «يَعُولُكَ

«أليس بِالْحَرِيِّ جَدًّا يُلْبِسُكُمْ أَنْتُمْ يَا قَلِيلِي الْإِيمَانِ؟» الاهتمام عكس الإيمان:
(متى ٦: ٣٠).

«فَإِنَّ هَذِهِ كُلَّهَا تَطْلُبُهَا الْأَمَمُ» المؤمن لا يجب أن ينشغل بالأمور الأرضية:
(متى ٦: ٣٢). صحيح أننا نأكل ونشرب لكن ليس هذا هو موضوع اهتمامنا،
طَعَامِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ مَشِيئَةً «لدينا أشياء أعظم لنفكر فيها كما قال السيد نفسه

The Birds of the Air and the Lilies of the Field

1. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? We tend to spend a lot of our time worried about our physical life, sustenance, and accessories. Think about it: Do you spend more time worried about your soul—about your obedience to God, rest in the Lord, etc.—or about your bank account, house, health, food, etc.?

That preaches something. That preaches something about what we think is the most important, most valuable thing. Our anxiety about these things shows us that we believe them to be at the center. Our actual theology is betrayed by our actual worries.

So the first point Jesus makes is that anxiety about daily bread and raiment reveals what we believe to actually live at the center of life.

2. Are you not of more value than they? Birds seem to have figured this out. They just go about being and doing what they were made to be and to do, and the Father feeds them. The point isn't that we are to be and do what birds do, but to be and do what people were made to be and to do.

So people were made to cultivate and farm and grow and adorn and store up and build things. That's not the point. The point is that if we simply point our lives at what it is that God has made us for—living for his glory and approval, obeying his Word, loving our neighbor, and more—then we ought to be able to trust that our Father will feed us, like he does the birds.

3. And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

Can you worry yourself into longer life? Can you worry another five minutes onto your span? No. And not just because that doesn't work on a utilitarian sort of level. But no, because the span of your life is already marked out. Did you know that? So even when we worry about real things—like, for example, maybe you are actually hungry and broke. Or maybe you are actually ill and facing death—we are not actually changing the moment of our departure from this mortal coil. God is exhaustively sovereign. You will die when he has determined that you will die.

What a gift, right? What freedom that doctrine ought to give us! That means that, even as I do what I should to seek health so I can use my strength to serve God and his people, even if I get cancer, I need not shoulder the responsibility for trying to re-number my own days.

God is working the pre-determined span of your life—conception to



burial—together for your good and the good of his good plan.

4. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? if the Father clothes grass as it does what it was made to do, he will clothe us as we do what we were made to do. Trust your Father.

The Ultimate Antidote to Worry

The antidote to worry is not to do nothing to secure your needs. It is rather to seek first the things that are first—the Kingdom of God and the righteousness of God—and then to use those lesser things to serve that greater thing.

Do you see how this serves as the antidote to all of our sin? All of our sin is, at bottom, a matter of improperly ordered loves. It is a matter of seeking first that which is not first—and therefore turning even glories into horrors.

Seek first after sexual pleasure, and the glory that is sexual pleasure will become a horror, a slaver, a ruinous thing. It will consume realms and peoples and nations. It will lead to the most gruesome of evils.

Seek first after wealth, and the glory that is wealth will become a horror, a slaver, and a ruinous thing.

Seek first after comfort, and the glory that is comfort will become a horror, a slaver, and a ruinous thing.

Seek first after family, and the glory that is family will become a horror, a slaver, and a ruinous thing.

Seek first after achievement, and the glory that is achievement will become a horror, a slaver, and a ruinous thing.

Seek first after wealth, and the glory that is wealth will become a horror, a slaver, and a ruinous thing.

Seek first after knowledge, and the glory that is knowledge will become a horror, a slaver, and a ruinous thing.

Seek first after beauty, marriage, strength, masculinity, femininity, renown, legacy, philosophy, power, prophetic cultural insight, and all of those lowercase glories will become horrors, slavers, and ruinous things.

That's why I consider this sentence, verse 33, to be possibly the most important in the sermon—it teaches us how to do everything.

Don't try to worry your way into a better tomorrow. Don't try to be the God of the future. That job is already taken, and you are secure in the grip of the God who writes the future, rules the future, and promises good to us in the future.



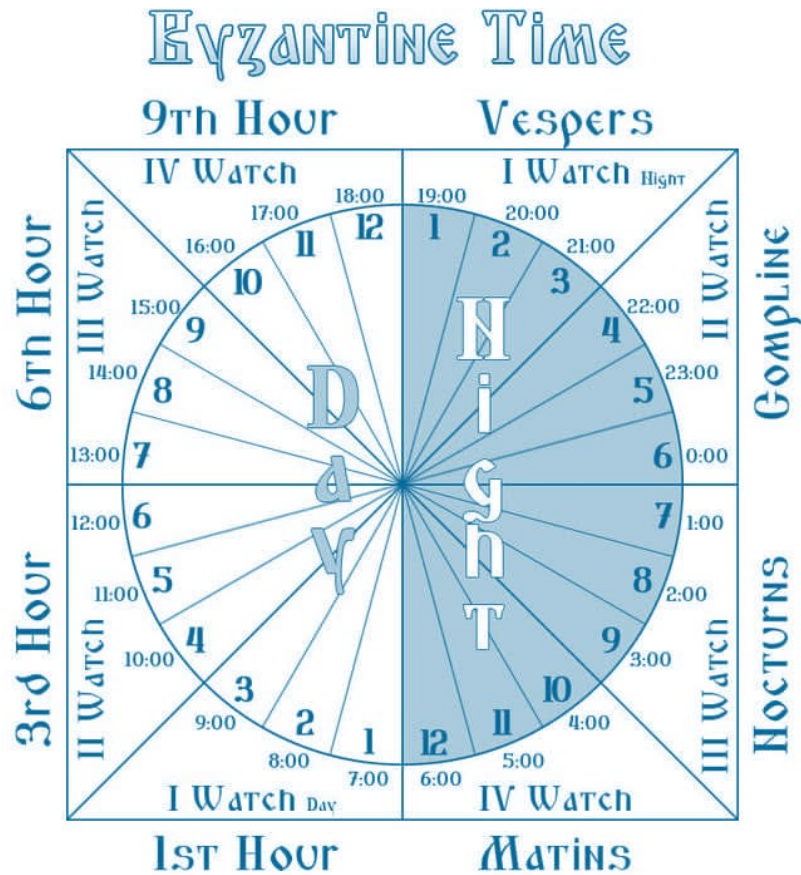
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Help the crowd find Jesus to listen to his parable.



Know your Faith

Daily cycle of services



Service	Time of celebration (approximate)	Themes
Vespers	Sunset	Thanksgiving for creation; Christ the light of the world
Compline	Late evening	Protection during the night
Midnight Office	During the night	Meditation on the unexpected coming of Christ
Matins	Sunrise	Supplication and praise of Almighty God
First Hour	7AM (or immediately after Matins)	Prayer at the beginning of the day's work
Third Hour	9AM	Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
Sixth Hour	12noon	Crucifixion of Christ
Ninth Hour	3PM	Death of Christ
Typika	varies	Psalms and prayers of the day



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



JUNE	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 St Justin the Philosopher Acts 23:1-11 John 16:15-23	2 St Nicephoros the Confessor Acts 25:13-19 John 16:23-33	3 Leave-taking of Ascension وداع عيد الصعود Acts 27:1-44, 28:1 John 17:18-26	4 2 nd Saturday of the Dead الميت الثاني للراقيين Acts 28:1-31 John 21:14-25
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	19 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثاني بعد العنصرة Romans 2:10-16 Matthew 4:18-23	20 St Methodios of Patara Romans 7:1-13 Matthew 9:36-10:8	21 St Julian of Tarsus Romans 7:14-8:2 Matthew 10:9-15	22 St Eusebios of Samosata Romans 8:2-13 Matthew 10:16-22	23 Leave-taking of the Feast of the Divine Body وداع جسد الرب Romans 8:22-28 Matthew 10:23-31	24 Nativity of St John the Forerunner مولد يوحنا المعمدان Romans 13:11-14:4 Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80	25 St Febronia Romans 3:28-4:3 Matthew 7:24-8:4
	26 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثالث بعد العنصرة Romans 5:1-10 Matthew 6:22-33	27 St Samson the Hosteller Romans 9:18-33 Matthew 11:2-15	28 Relics of Sts Cyrus and John Romans 10:11-11:2 Matthew 11:16-20	29 Sts Peter and Paul the Apostles الرسولان بطرس وبولس 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 Matthew 16:13-19	30 Synaxis of the Apostles محفل مقدس للرسل 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:36-10:8		



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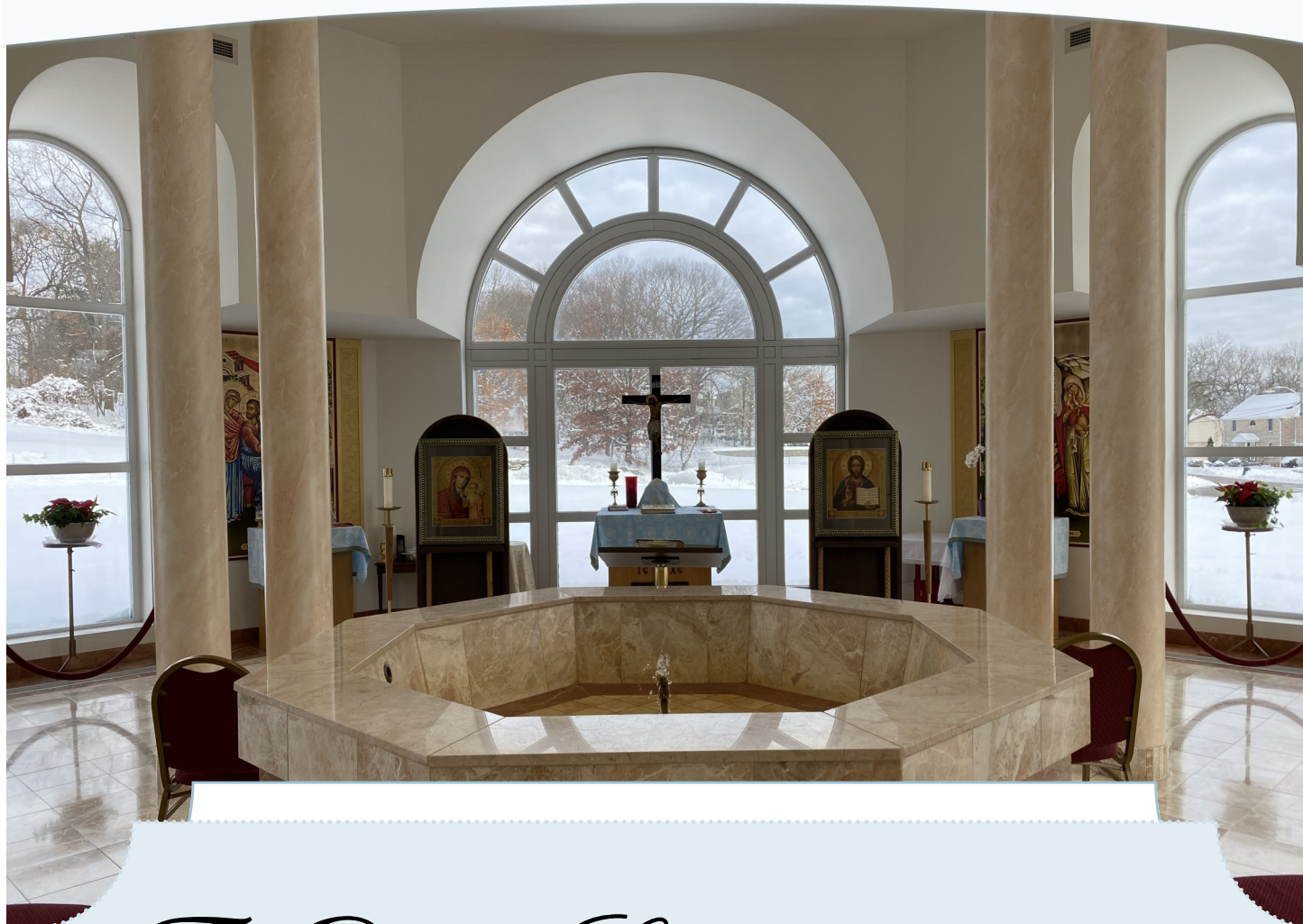
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Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



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Window Repairs: Proposals received, estimated cost \$9,000



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



Flooring Upgrades: Acquiring Proposals



Parking Lot & Walkway Repairs:
Proposals received, asphalt estimated cost \$14,000, awaiting walkway quotes



Interior Repairs: Partial proposals received, estimated cost \$6,000



Walk In Cooler & Kitchen Repairs: Reviewing needs and potential options



Exterior/Masonry Repairs:



Door Upgrades:

Important Highlights

- We are extremely grateful to all of those who have contributed and supported this campaign thus far.
- Our first priority of this campaign was the roof - But there are several other projects/repairs being reviewed and considered that are listed above.
- 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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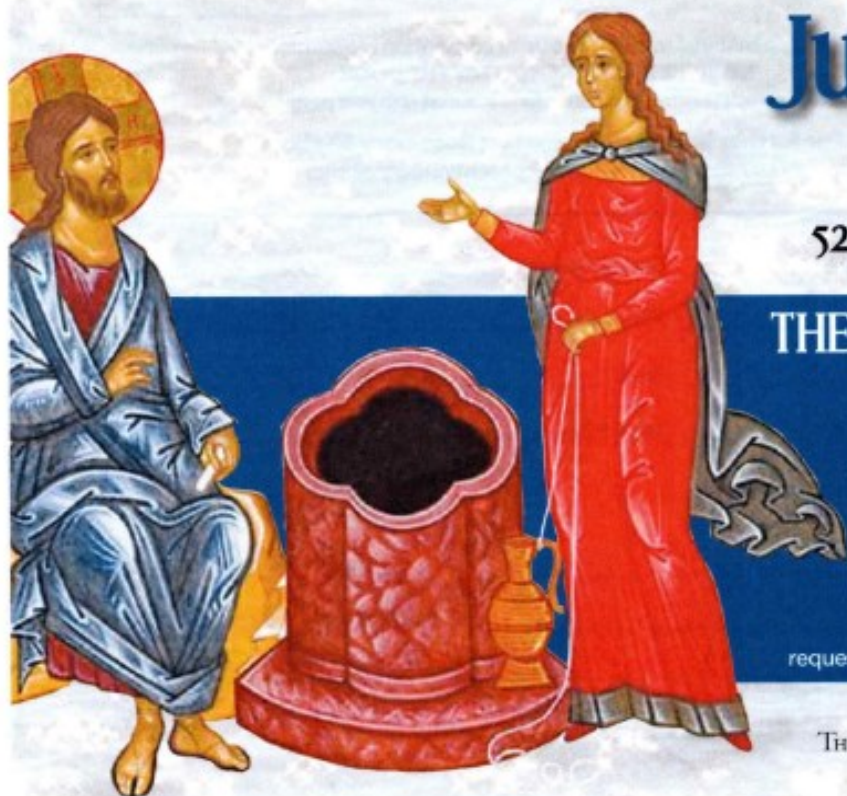
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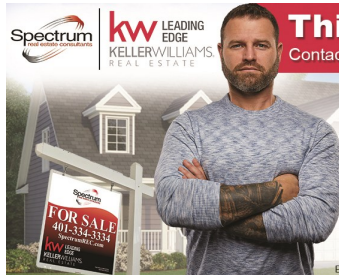
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