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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



# ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



الاحد الرابع بعد العنصرة 4th Sunday After Pentecost

#### Troparion of the Resurrection, (3rd Tone)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glade! For the Lord has done a wondrous deed by his arm! He has crushed Death by his death becoming the first to rise from the dead. He has delivered us from the mouth of Hades and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

## **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 everpresent 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.

#### نشيد القيامة باللحن الثالث

لتفرح السماويات، وتبتهج الارضيات. لأن الرب صنع عزاً بساعده، ووطيء الموتّ بالموت، وصار بكرّ الاموات، وأنقذنا من جوف الجحيم، ومنحّ العالم عظيمّ الرحمة.

## طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاعَ منطقُكَ في كل الأرض. فانها قد قَبِلَتْ كلامك، الذي به بيَّنت العقائدَ بياناً إلهيّاً، وأوضحتَ طبيعةَ الكائنات، ونظَّمتَ أخلاقَ البشر. فيا أيها الآبُ البازُ ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

## نشيد الختام (القنداق)

يا نصيرة المسيحيين التي لا تُخزى، ووسيطتهم الدائمة لدى الخالق، لا تعرضي عن أصواتِ الخطأة الطالبين اليكِ. بل بما انكِ صالحة، بادري الى معونتنا، نحن الصارخينَ اليكِ بإيمان: هلمي الى الشفاعة، وأسرعي الى الابتهال، يا والدة الالهِ المحامية دائماً عن مكرميكِ.



### 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. <a href="https://melkite.org/namw">https://melkite.org/namw</a>

## Epistle: 4th Sunday of Pentecost, Rom 6:18-23 PROKIMENON (Tone 3)

Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Stichon: All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

#### Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans

Brethren, now that you have been freed from sin, you have come to serve justification. I speak in a human way because of the weakness of your flesh. For as you yielded your members as slaves to uncleanness and iniquity, so now yield your members as slaves of justification so as to be sanctified. For while you were the slaves of sin, you had nothing to do with justification. But what fruit did you gather then of those deeds of which you are now ashamed? For the end of such things is death. But now, set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have your fruit resulting in sanctification, and as your end, life everlasting. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life everlasting in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALLELUIA (Tone 3)

In you, 0 Lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame. In your goodness, save me and deliver me; lend your ear and hasten my deliverance.

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

## Gospel: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Matthew 8, 5-13

At that time when Jesus had entered Capharnaum, there came to Him a centurion who entreated Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying sick in the house, paralyzed, and is grievously afflicted." Jesus said to him, "I will come and cure him." But in answer the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man subject to authority, and have soldiers subject to me; and I say to one, 'Go', and he goes; and to another, 'Come', and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this', and he does it." And when Jesus heard this, He marveled, and said to those who were following Him, "Amen I say to you, I have not found such great faith in Israel. And I tell you that many will come from the east and from the west, and will feast with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be put forth into the darkness outside; there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; as you have believed, so be it done to you." And the servant was healed in that hour.

## رسالة الاحد الرابع بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسال

ربِّموا لإلهنا ربِّموا، ربِّموا لملكنا ربِّموا

يا جميعَ الأُممِ صفِقِوا بالأيدي، هلّلوا للهِ بصوتِ الانتهاج

## الرسالة (رومة 6: 18-23)

يا إخوة، بعد أن أعتِقْتُم الى الخطيئة استُعبدتم الى للبرّ، أقولُ كلاماً بشرياً من أجلِ ضعفِ جسدكم. فكما جعلتم أعضاءكم عبيداً للنجاسةِ والإثم للإثم، كذلك ألآنَ اجعلوا أعضاءكم عبيداً للخطيئة، للبر للقداسة. لأنكم حينَ كنتم عبيداً للخطيئة، كنتم أحراراً من البرّ، فأيُ ثمرٍ حصلَ لكم حينئذ من الأمورِ التي تستحيون منها الآن؟ انما عاقبتُها الموت، وأمًا الان وقد أُعتِقْتُم من الخطيئةِ واستُعبدتم لله، فتحوزونَ ثمركم للقداسة، والعاقبةُ حياةٌ أبديّة، لأنَ أجرةَ الخطيئةِ موتٌ، وأما موهبةُ اللهِ فحياةٌ أبديّةٌ في المسيح يسوعَ

هللوبا

عليكَ يا ربُّ توكَلتُ فلا أَخزى الى الابد، بعدلك نجّى وانتشلني

كن لى إلهاً محامياً، وبيتَ مَلجاءِ لخلاصي.

## الانجيل (متى 8: 5 13)

في ذلكَ الزمان، لمَّا جاءَ يسوعُ الى كفرناحوم، دنا اليهِ قائدُ مئّةِ وسأَّلَهُ قائلاً: يا سيّدي إن غُلامي مُلقىً في البيتِ مُقعَداً يُعذَّبُ بِعَذابِ شديد فقالَ لهُ يسوع: أنا آتى وأشفيه. فأجاب قائِدُ المِئَةِ وقال: يا سيَدي لستُ أهلاً أن تَدخُلَ تحتَ سَقفي، ولكنْ قُلْ كلمةً لا غَير فيبرَأَ غلامي. فإني أَنا أيضاً إنسانٌ تحتَ سلطان، ولي جُندٌ تحتَ يدي. فأقولُ لهذا اذهَبْ فيَذهَب ولآخَرَ أَئْتِ فيأْتي. ولعبدِيَ أعملُ هذا فيعمَل. فلمَّا سمعَ يسوعُ تعجَّبَ وقال: للَّذينَ يَتبَعونهُ: الحقَ أَقولُ لَكُم إِني لم أَجِدْ مِثلَ هذا الإيمانِ حتى ولا في إسرائيل وأَنا أَقُولُ لَكُم إِنَّ كَثيرِينَ يَأْتُونَ مِن المْ َشَارِقِ والمغارب، ويَتَكِئُونَ معَ ابراهيمَ وإسحق ويَعقوبَ في ملكوتِ السماوات، وأَما بَنو الملكوتِ فيُلقَونَ في الظُّلمةِ البَرّانيَةِ هناك يكونُ البُكاءُ وصَربفُ الْأسنان. ثم قال يسوعُ لقائدِ المِئَة: اذهب، وليكُن لكَ كما آمَنت. فشُفِيَ غُلامُهُ في تلك الساعة.







## 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 Allholy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.



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# **Divine Liturgy Intentions**

TODAY, SATURDAY, JULY 2, AND SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTE-COST. MARTYRS HYACINTH & FATHER ANATOLIOS.

#### 5:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + CATHERINE KANDO by the Perry Family
- + WEEDA NASHAWATY by Pamela Desmarais.
- + MARGARET SABBAGH by Ron & Ann Marie Pise.
- + PATRICIA MC DONALD by Hon. Thomas Lazieh & Sons.
- + YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA by Joanne & Mike Kanakry.

### 10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ) by George, Norma, Christopher Kishfy & Sonia Badro
- + GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL by Jim & Mary Briden.
- + ROSE & HOUNEIN KHOURY by Micheline Ghanem.
- + JULIA & FRED KISHFY by M/M Norman E.Kishfy.





**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** June 26, 2022: Budgets: \$2,059.00: Envelopes: \$2,033, Loose: \$26.00; Candles: \$46.00; Building Fund: \$190.00; Cemetery: 100.00; Melkite Diocesan Support: \$152.00.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> 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.

<u>GENERAL HOME VISITATIONS, SICK CALLS, HOSPITAL VISITS:</u> Father Ephrem has been fully vaccinated and is now available for these parish services. Just email him at <u>office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com</u> 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 Bishiop 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 everyday 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.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> 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.

<u>CHANGE OF ADDRESS:</u> 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.

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

**SUMMER IS HERE:** Aside from weather, there are other signs to confirm this fact. Our worshipping community seems to dwindle during these summer months. Summertime seems to give many of us the permission to relax and become casual as to even forget our obligation to God and our church. It is important to come together and celebrate His loving kindness, to stay open and "in touch" with His Word and to continue to support our church. Remember God, Church and obligations do not go on vacation. Discipleship is a life-long and year-round commitment.

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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!

## 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.

**ASK YOURSELF:** Do you ever find time for the work of God? Be a good steward and make the exciting discovery of time for yourself. No matter how busy you are you can find the time if you try!

There is a wide choice of things which you can do for God and neighbor, in and through your church and community – if you have the good will. With good will, you will also find necessary time for such projects, even though you may have to cut and pare in other directions.

Remember...if you want something done...ask a person who is busy!

Join now in the sharing of your time, talents and treasure!

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NEXT SUN., JULY 10, collection for UPKEEP, MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT OF THE CEMETERY.

THIS MONDAY, July 4, 2022, is a day of celebration and parties. Have fun and please drive carefully.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING: It is not for me to glorify the country which I love with all my heart and soul. I may not ask your praise for anything admirable which the United States has been or done. But on my country's birthday, I may do something far more solemn and more worthy of the hour. I may ask for your prayers in her behalf: That on the manifold and wondrous chance which God is giving her...on her unconstrained religious life; on her passion for education and her eager search for truth; on her over-zealous care for the poor man's rights and opportunities; on her quiet homes where the future generations of men are growing; ...on her wide gates open to the East and the West; on her strange meeting of the races out of which a new race is slowly being born; on her vast enterprise and illimitable hopefulness—on all these materials and machineries of manhood; on all that the life of my country must mean for humanity, I am asking you to pray that the blessing of God,... may rest forever.

Phillips Brooks, July 4, 1880

<u>REFLECTION:</u> "It is difficult to see how Christianity can have a positive effect on society if it cannot transform its own homes."

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## 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.

## 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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## مقياس الابمان

لا يوجد هنالك مقياس للإيمان . إنّه من الصعب أن يقارن الإيمان عند أحد الناس مع إيمان شخص آخر . ويحصل أن يختبر أكبر المؤمنين إيماناً صراعاً مع الشكّ حينما يقرّرُ الله أن يمتحنه ويسمح بهجوم الأرواح الشرّيرة الساقطة عليه

كذلك يختبر إنسان آخر أقلًا إيماناً منه أو الإنسان الشكاك

بشكل مستمر فجأة الغبطة من أن يُقيم في محبّة الله ويشعر بالحاجة أن يكون معه دوماً. إنَّ المتعة هي بمثابة بديل للسعادة الآنيَّة وإنَّها لابدً أن تزول من بعد أن يشبع الجسد منها تاركة نفساً فارغة في إثرها . إنَّ السعادة الدنيويَّة هي ككلِّ شيء أرضي لها بداية ولها نهاية. إنَّك إذا اختبرتها ليوم واحد فقط سواء أكان ذلك لأيَّام أو أسابيع أو أشهر عدَّة فإنَّ هذه السعادة تزول ولا يتبقى شيءٌ منها سوى الذكرى التي تجعل أيَّامنا مُرَّةً . إنَّ غبطة الإنسان المقيم في كنف المحبّة الإلهيَّة فقط لا تتهي أبداً وذلك إذا ما عرف الإنسان بأنَّ مفتاح هذه الغبطة هو الإيمان . يقول القدِيس الرَّسول بولس: " وَأَمَّا الإيمانُ فَهُوَ النَّقَة بِمَا يُرْجَى وَالإيقَانُ بِأُمُورٍ لاَ تُرَى." ( عبرانيين 11: 1 ).

عندما دخل مخلِّص الجنس البشري في مدينة كفر ناحوم الجليليَّة اقترب إليه قائد من الموت. إنه لم يطلب لنف مائة وسأله أن يشفيَ فتاه المريض والمستلقي في بيته والذي كان يعاني بشدَّةٍ من اللَّرَبِّ إذ يقول القرَّيس بولس مرضه. هذا ما يخبرنا به الإنجيل الإلهي الذي سمعناه اليوم معكم. وإذ قد أمسينا جَسَدِي حَتَّى أُخْتَرِقَ، وَلكِنْ لَل بعيدين مدَّة ألفي سنةٍ عن الأحداث الإنجيليَّة فإتنا وللأسف دائماً ما لا نفهم بانَّه لا ولاَنَّه " إنَّنا نعلم إلى حدٍّ ما ويوجد في العهد الجديد الكتاب المقدَّس أيَّة حادثةٍ قد حصلت مصادفةً. إنَّ لكلِّ كلمةٍ حينفذٍ سيختفي ذلك " الحد ". في البشارة معناها الإرشادي والعميق.

وفي الحقيقة ماذا في ذلك أن يأتي إلى يسوع قائد مائة ويسأله عن مساعدةً عجائبيَّة ؟ كان قائد المائة وتنيًا وأمّا في ذلك الزمان فلم يكن من المقبول أصولياً أن يسأل هو الساجد للأوثان والّتي يمكن أن يكون الإمبراطور ذاته من بينها أن يطلب مساعدةً عجائبية من رجلٍ يهودي بالجسد الذي يلتقي به لأوّل مرّة والذي يعرف عنه اسمه فقط. ولكنَّ كان في قلب ذلك القائد الأجنبي أمراً مخفيًا عن مواطنيه ويبدو أنّه لذلك لم يحفظ شهود العيان اسمه. إنَّ ذلك الأمر الذي كان مخفيًا عنهم لم يكن مخفيًا بالنسبة لله الفاحص الكلي الذي كانت أبواب قلب قائد المائة مفتوحة أمامه والذي كان يخترقه نور الإيمان. وهكذا عرف ذلك الرجل العادي أنَّ الذي يقف أمامه هو كلمة الله الأزلي والذي كان عند الله قبل كلِّ الدهور وكان الكلمة ذاته إلهاً ( يوحنًا 1: 1 ). عند حصوله لتلك المعرفة القلبيَّة ( الإيمان ) فهم ذلك الرجل فجأةً كم أنَّ الطبيعة البشريَّة خاطئة وقال: " يا ربُّ إنّني لستُ مستحقًا أن الرجل فجأةً كم أنَّ الطبيعة البشريَّة خاطئة وقال: " يا ربُّ إنّني لستُ مستحقًا أن تدكُل تحت سقفي... " ( متَّى8: 8 ).

لم يكن ذلك الرجل خارج وضعه الاجتماعي كقائد مائة إنساناً عشوائياً . لقد كان ذلك الرجل يحترم الإله الواحد الذي كان اليهود يمجّدونه كقدوة للأمم الأخرى وكان قد بنى بنفسه مجمعاً اليهود في كفرناحوم على حسابه الخاص . كما أنَّه كان يعدُّ عبده كفردٍ من أفراد عائلته على خلاف الكثير من الأسياد الأخرين وكان يشاركه آلامه . أرسل قائد المائة في البداية شيوخ اليهود ومن ثمَّ معارفه إلى يسوع إذ عدَّ نفسهُ غير مستحقٍ كما يخبرنا القدِّيس لوقا الإنجيلي ( لوقا7: 3).

إنَّ إيمان قائد المائة ولو كان غير ظاهر وواضح للناس بالرغم من ذلك فقد رأى الله أنَّه موجودٌ في قلبه: "ولكن قل كلمةً فيبرأ فتايَ فإنِّي أنا إنسانٌ تحتَ سلطانٍ..." هكذا سأل الإنسان الوثني يسوع. لقد مكَّنه إيمانه من أن يختبر القدرة الإلهيَّة: "إنَّ كلمة المسيح بحدِّ ذاتها تكفي إنَّها فعالة مثل أمرٍ يصدره قائد مائةٍ إلى جنوده الذين تحت إمرته.



فتعجَّب المخلِّص قائلاً:" الحقَّ أقول لكم إنّي لم أجد إيماناً بمقدار هذا ولا في إسرائيل!"

ولكن لماذا أيُها الإخوة والأخوات اختار الله رجلاً وثنيًا وليس يهوديًا كقدوة للإيمان القوي أثناء تبشيره ؟ ألم يكن الذين تبعوه من العبرانيين وقد كان تلاميذه السبعون والاثني عشر من أمثال أولئك العبرانيين والذين قد اختارهم المخلّص وسمًاهم هو ذاته رُسُلاً ؟ كان اليهود يتمنون أن يروا في المسيح ليس نبيًا عظيماً فحسب بل وملكاً رضيًا أيضاً والذي سيمنحهم تلك الأشياء

الَّتي يمكن للحياة الدنيا أن تمنحهم إيَّاها . ۖ أمَّا الرَّجل الُّوثنيِّ فقد رأى فيه ربَّ ومَّلكَ الملكوت السماوي والأرضى معاً .

قال يسوع للذين يتبعونه: "الحقّ أقول لكم إنّ كثيرين سيأتون مِنَ المشارِقِ والمغاربِ ويتّكِنُونَ مع إبراهيمَ واسحقَ ويعقوبَ في ملكوتِ السماوات." (متّى8: 11). ليس عند الله كلمة إلا ولها معنى . وكما أنّهُ خُلِق كلُّ إنسانِ على صورة الله فكذلك يمكنه أن يُخلَّص وينال الحياة الأبديَّة إذا ما كان لديه إيمان ذلك الرجل الوثني .

واليكم عبرة أخرى: لقد كشف قائد المائة عن إيمانه لكي يخلِّص عبده المريض من الموت. إنَّه لم يطلب انفسه شيئاً آخر. إنَّ أعمال الإيمان هي أعمال محبَّتنا للرَّبِّ إذ يقول القيّس بولس الرَّسول: " وَإنْ أَطْعَمْتُ كُلَّ أَمْوَالِي، وَإِنْ سَلَّمْتُ جَسَدِي حَتَّى أَحْتَرِق، وَلكِنْ لَيْسَ لِي مَحَبَّة، فَلا أَنْتَغِعُ شَيْئاً. ( 1كورنثوس13: 2 ) ولأنَّه " إنَّنا نعلم إلى حدٍ ما وإلى حدٍ ما نتنباً ولكن حينما تحلُّ المعرفة الكاملة حيننذٍ سيختفي ذلك " الحد ".

ولكن ما الذي سيحلُ بأولئك الذين يتقيَّدون بالحرف ويؤمنون به ؟ هم " بنو الملكوت " الذين سبقت فأعطيت لهم الممالك الكنعانيَّة حيث وُعِدوا بها والذين يملكون بسبب إيمان الأنبياء والأبرار من الشعب اليهودي الحقَّ في أن يرثوا الملكوت السماوي كذلك أيضاً إنَّهم سيُلقى بهم في الظلمة الخارجيَّة حيث سيكون البكاء وصريف الأسنان . إنَّهم لم يجلسوا على المأدبة مع الملك في ملكوته السماوي بل سيشعرون بعذاب الجحيم الأبدي لأنَّهم لم يعرفوا بأنَّ يسوع هو المسيح المنتظر . سيُعطى كلُّ واحدٍ على مقدار إيمانه . قال يسوع القائد المائة : " المسيح المنتظر . شمُغيَ غلامه لوقته . لقد طلب الرَّجُل مساعدةً من الرَّبِّ فنالها .

أيُّها الإخوة والأخوات إنَّنا إذ نكون مثقَّلين بالاهتمامات الدنيويَّة غاباً ما نتجه نحو المسيح طالبين يد العون منه وإنَّنا نحصل عليه أحياناً ولا نحصل عليه على نحو ما كنًا نتوقعه أحياناً أخرى . إذاً كيف يجب علينا أن نطلب العون من الرَّبِ ؟ يجب علينا أن نطلب ذلك بالتضرُّع والإيمان والتواضع!

تقدَّم الرجل الوثني إلى يسوع بطلبة . إنَّ مثال هذه الطلبة هو واضح بالنسبة للمسيحي الأرثونكسي – الطلبة أي الصلاة . إنَّ الله ليس مديناً لنا بل نحن خاصَّته ! ولذلك فإنَّنا لا نطلب ونصرُّ على الله بل إنَّنا نسأل منه !

لقد أظهر قائد المائة إيمانه أمام الجمع الذي كان يتبع يسوع والذي كانوا يُجرَّبون أمامه بقلة إيمانهم عدَّة مرَّاتٍ . كان ذلك الإنسان واعياً بخطاياه وقد تواضع عن طريق التوبة ونال مطلبه الذي كان يطلبه .

أَيُّها الإخوة والأخوات دعونا لا نضيَّع ولا لحظةٍ من حياتنا! فلناخذ معنا كلَّ الأثاث الذي سنأخذه معنا بعد موتنا أعني نفسنا الخالدة ولندخل في محبَّةِ الرَّبِ بتواضع وصلاةٍ وإيمانٍ! ....

## Levels of Faith in the Bible

The Bible has a lot to say about different levels of faith. While some types of faith are somewhat related, others are distinctly different, names such as common, great, genuine, and one we all hope to avoid, wavering.

Christian faith is based on God's promises, rather than feelings, or things visible. Great faith holds fast of regardless outward appearances.

"And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able his ways," (James 1:6-8). also to perform," (Rom 4:18-22).

with perfect assurance that his request will be granted.

These fifteen Levels of Faith are found in Scripture at random. They are listed here in this order only for practicality.

#### "Measure of Faith"

We begin with measure of faith because without it none of the succeeding steps of faith would be possible. A measure of faith is given by God to all men. It is a faith that has not grown but is sufficient for belief in God and salvation. In Romans 12:3 it is referred to as "The Measure of Faith."

The Measure of Faith is a gift from God.

#### "Growing Faith"

A growing faith steadily progresses from the measure of faith to a great strong faith. A growing faith is pleasing to God: "We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly..." (2 Thes 1:3) As nutritious milk helps a baby to grow strong and healthy; Spiritual food will help a baby Christian grow into a deeper level of faith.

### "Great Faith"

An unrelenting totally persuaded type of faith, that does not give up until the request is granted. A Centurion who had asked Jesus to heal his sick child, and whose faith was so great that he said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak 1. The witness of John the Baptist a word, and my servant will be healed." "When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" (Matt 8:8-10) And there was the woman from Canaan, a Gentile, (not a Jew). The Gentiles, as a rule, had very little, if any, faith in God.

This woman requested Jesus to heal her severely demon-possessed daughter. When Jesus refused, saying that He had only been sent to the Jews, she persisted, and demonstrated a level of faith so great that it brought the following response from Jesus:

desire..." (Matt 15:21-28). Great faith will always move God to Word. The proof is there for anyone willing to do the research. answer.

## "Unwavering Faith"

Sincere, Unbendable - (opposite of wavering) - To believe God without guestion. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." (Heb. 10:23). Unwavering faith is to count those things that be not as though they are, (Rom.4:17; Mark 11:22-24).



All things are possible with God, and nothing is beyond His power. The one who truly believes and has faith will act on God's Word, Unwavering faith gives thanks for the answer from the moment it asks, then looks forward to its fulfillment with child-like expectation. When you genuinely believe, you have acted. The act of believing is a necessary step in getting what you want from God.

There is no need for God's

Children to be trapped in fear,

weakness, poverty, or despair. To receive from God we must

without wavering, (Heb 10:23).

"But let him ask in faith, with

driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For let not that man suppose

that he will receive anything

from the Lord; 8 he is a double

-minded man, unstable in all

## "Strong Faith"

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God,"(Rom 4:20). Abraham had a strong faith that refused to surrender or be defeated. Following the faith of Abraham is the way to receive what might be considered impossible and unprecedented.

Strong faith will not be turned away. Regardless of the situation or outlook, it digs in and holds fast until it receives what has been asked of God.

Most Christians desire this level of faith, but it seems that only a few can maintain faith, while thanking God for the answer in advance.

I believe another term for strong faith might be, "Ruthless Faith." The kind that refuses to doubt and waver when things do not seem to be going as requested of God. This is the way to get tangible answers from God.

### "Historical Faith"

Jesus used Scripture as one of four witnesses, to prove that He was the Messiah, the "Son of God:"

- 2. The witness of His works (Signs)
- 3. The witness of God the Father
- 4. The witness of the Scriptures

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me," (John 5:39).

The Scriptures Jesus used to persuade the Jews will also speak to modern day man. Fulfilled prophecy and manuscripts, such as the Dead Sea Scrolls, provide proof that Jesus was who He claimed to

"...O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you Historical levels of faith are bound to the records contained in Gods

#### "Active Faith"

Active faith takes action as soon as the Word of God is understood. It is actively doing and living in faith as if the things requested of God although not yet seen, are a reality. Active faith is a requirement for receiving from God.

Answered prayer is perhaps the greatest faith-building experience possible. How great to pray to Almighty God, and to have Him

## Levels of Faith in the Bible (continued)

answer. This is God's plan, and it can happen to every child of God.

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you," (John 15:7).

You must become aware of your new life in Christ.

You have the Spirit of Jesus within you, as well as His love and nature. His power flows through you to bear much

fruit. Jesus died to make this possible. Cling to His promises, allow His Words to give you the faith to ask and receive.

Faith is action, in counting those things that be not as though they were (Rom 4:17; Mark 11:22-24).

#### "Genuine Faith"

This type of faith permits no deception, pretense, charlatans, or braggarts. It is a genuine and sincere faith that flows from a true heart, with the desire to do what is right.

"when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also." (2 Tim 1:5)

### "Common Faith"

A faith commonly or mutually shared by all Christians who believe humanity can find salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ the Messiah, Savior of the world, and that He hears and answers prayers.

In Titus 1:4, it is referred to as, "common faith;" in God shared by all Christians that makes it possible to Obtain Eternal Life.

Faith without works passively believes and accepts the Bible literally, but without action. Many people believe and have faith that God

"Titus, a true son in our common faith..."

In Romans 1:12, The Apostle Paul uses the word, "mutual faith." "That is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me."

## "Human Level of Faith"

Human Level of Faith Is the exercise and determination of man to have confidence in any object or person, as he chooses, including the Word of God. He can choose to have faith that a chair will support him, that which another person tells him is true, or, that the sun will continue to rise each morning.

## "Faith Without Root"

Jesus spoke of having faith without root. It is the type of faith that springs up quickly, and beautifully, but because it has no depth, fails just as quickly when temptation and trials come along. For the most part, this is because the soil has not been adequately prepared by digging and searching for knowledge, guidance, and truth, in God's Word.

"...the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away" (Luke 8:13).

## "Little Faith"

"Fearful, displaying a lack of total trust;" was used by the Lord as a tender rebuke for anxiety and fear." (Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary)



"if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" (Matt 6:30)

"But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm, (Matt 8:26).

### "Weak Faith"

"And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb," (Rom.4:19.

"Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. 2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables," (Rom 14:1-3).

For someone to forbid and condemn the things he considers to be sin, when there is no clear leading in scripture, would be a sin.

"But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin," (Rom 14:23).

Those who are strong in faith are told to accept the weak:

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves," (Rom 15:1).

## "Faith Without Works"

"But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works," (James 2:18).

Faith without works passively believes and accepts the Bible literally, but without action. Many people believe and have faith that God can do all His Word says. They believe in miracles, yet fail to act on His Word.

## "Wavering Faith"

"To bend," "to be insincere,"

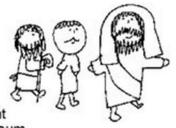
James encourages believers to put their faith in action: "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed," For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways, (James 1:5-7).

A wavering faith is one that doubts and is unstable in all his ways. Unbelief is either refusing to act or ignorance of the Word of God. Regardless of how impossible the situation the answer is unwavering faith.

# Following Jesus Kids bulletin



I am not worthy that you should come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed



Jesus went to Capernaum.



A centurion came and asked for help.



Jesus told the centurion that He will come to heal his servant.



The centurion said,"No, I am not worthy to have You come to my house. I have faith that You can heal him from here."



Jesus said,"Go home".



The centurion went home.



His servant was well!

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR



JULY	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثّامن بعد العنصرة					Sts Cosmas & Damian	Mantle of Our Lady at Blachernae
	1 Corinthians 1:10-17 Matthew 14:14-22					1 Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-7 Matthew 10:1; 5-8	Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 1:39-49,56
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تموز – يوليو 2022	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الرابع بعد العنصرة	St Andrew of Crete	St Athanasios of Athos	St Sisoes the Great	St Thomas of Maleum	St Procopios	St Pancratios of Taormina
JUNE 2022	Romans 6:18-23 Matthew 8:5-13	Romans 12:4-5,15-21 Matthew 12:9-13	Romans 14:9-18 Matthew 12:14-16,22-30	Romans 15:7-16 Matthew 12:38-45	Romans 15:17-29 Matthew 12:46-13:3	Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 13:3-9	Romans 8:14-21 Matthew 9:9-13
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26 27 28 29 30 AUGUST 2022	Romans 10:1-10 Matthew 8:28-9:1	2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 7:36-50	1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Matthew 13:24-30	1 Corinthians 2:9-3:8 Matthew 13:31-36	1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Matthew 13:36-43	1 Corinthians 4:5-8 Matthew 13:44-54	Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 9:18-26
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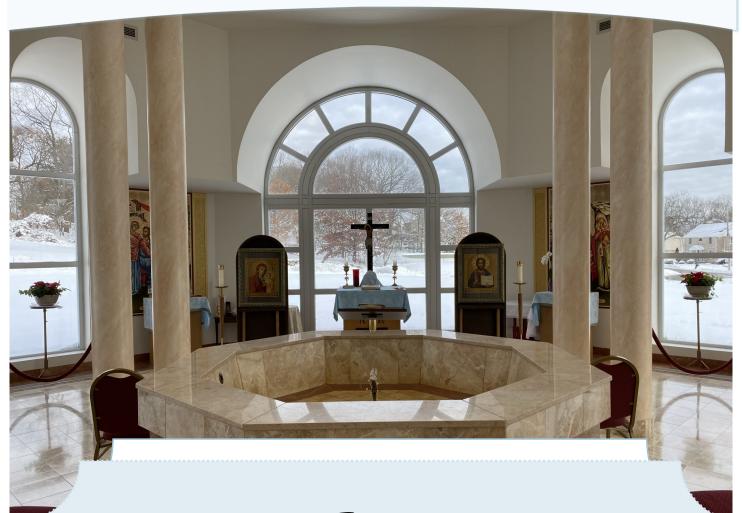
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Every measure will continue to be taken to keep everyone safe from the virus We look forward to you joining us!



# Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



# The Divine Liturgy is celebrated

At St. Elias Chapel

(St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church)

Tuesday to Friday at 9:00 am (Postponed until further notice)

Weekend Divine Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 pm — Sunday: 10:00 am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Tuesday to Friday before or after the Divine Liturgy.

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## **Campaign Facts:**



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$406,085



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

## **Parish Community Facts:**



Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 42%

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

## **Current & Future Projects:**



**Roof Repair**: Contract Signed - March 2022, estimated cost \$400,0000, awaiting start date



Parking Lot & Walkway Repairs:

Proposals received, asphalt estimated cost \$14,000, awaiting walkway quotes



**Mold Remediation:** Proposals received, no remediation necessary, estimated cost \$0



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



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



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



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



Exterior/Masonry Repairs:



Flooring Upgrades: Acquiring Proposals



**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.



For more information contact any of the committee members, <u>click here</u>, or scan this code with your Smartphone Camera!

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Friday July 8   Hawaiian Sunset Dinner	\$80.00		
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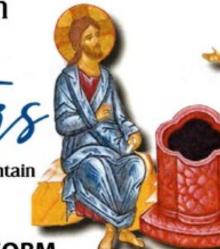
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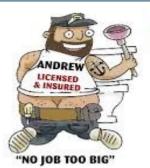
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