



July 10th, 2022

ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



5th Sunday After Pentecost

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Office hours

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

Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

Weekend

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

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

Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

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

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

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

Troparion of the Resurrection, (4th Tone)

The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the Angels the joyful news of the resurrection and casting away the ancestral sentence, they announced with pride to the Apostles Death is vanquished, Christ God is risen! and has 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 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.

نشيد القيامة باللحن الرابع

إن تلميذات الرب تعلمن من الملاك بشرى القيامة
البهيجة. ونبذن القضاة على الجدين، وقلن للرسل
مفتخرات: لقد سلب الموت، ونهض المسيح
الاله، واهباً للعالم عظيم الرحمة.

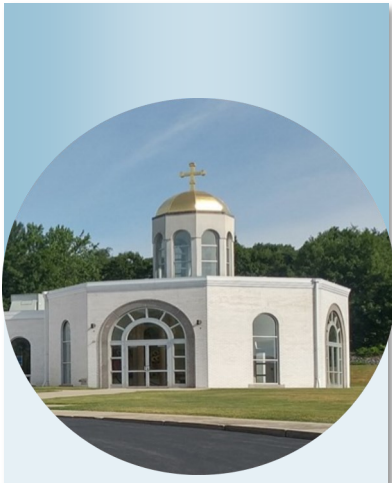
طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقتك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبلت
كلامك، الذي به بينت 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 إليك. بل بما أنك صالحة، بادري
إلى معونتنا، نحن الصارخين إليك بإيمان: هلمي إلى
الشفاعة، وأسري إلى الابتهاال، يا والدة الإله
المحامية دائماً عن مكرميك.



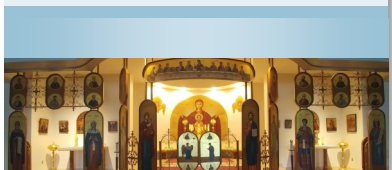


Our church organizations:

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, 5TH of Pentecost, Romans 10:1-10

PROKIMENON (Tone 4) Ps.103: 24, 1

How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

Stichon: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans

Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God in their behalf is for salvation. For I bear witness to them that they have zeal for God, but a zeal that is not informed. For ignorant of God's holiness and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to the sanctification offered by God. For Christ is the consummation of the Law in terms of justification for everyone who believes.

For Moses has written that the man who brings about that justification which is of the Law shall live by it. (Lv.18: 5) But the justification which is of faith says, do not ask in your heart, who shall go up to heaven that is, -- to bring down Christ. Or, who will descend into the abyss (Dt.30: 12) that is, to bring up Christ from the dead? But what does it say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. (Dt.30: 14) that is, the word of faith which we preach. For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is the Lord, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For a man believes with the heart and attains justification, but he professes his faith with his mouth and attains salvation.

ALLELUIA (Tone 4)

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

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

Gospel Matthew 8:28-9:1

(Healing of the Gerasene Demoniacs),

At that time as Jesus reached the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two men who were possessed, coming from the tombs, so exceedingly fierce that no one could pass by that way. And behold, they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with you, Jesus Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now at a distance from them there was a herd of many swine, feeding. And the devils kept begging him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go!" And they came out and entered into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed from the top of the cliff into the sea, and perished in the water. But the swineherds fled, and going away into the town, they reported everything, and what had befallen the men possessed by - demons. And behold, all the town came out to meet Jesus; and on seeing him they insisted that he leave their district. And getting into a boat, he crossed over and came into his own town.

رسالة الأحد الخامس بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

ما أعظم أعمالك يا رب، لقد صنعت جميعها بحكمة

بارك يا نفسي. الرب، أيها الرب إلهي لقد عظمت جداً

الرسالة (رومة 10: 1-10)

يا إخوة، أن مِثْلَ قلبي وابتهالي إلى الله، هما لأجل إسرائيل لكي يخلصوا. فإني أشهد لهم أنَّ فيهم غيرَة لله، لكنّها ليست عن معرفة. فإنهم اذ جهلوا بَرَّ الله، وطلبوا أن يقيموا برهم الخاص، لم يخضعوا لبر الله. لان غاية الناموس هي المسيح للبرِّ لكل من يؤمن. فإن موسى يصفُ البرِّ الذي من الناموس بأنَّ الإنسان الذي يعمل هذه الاشياء سيحيا فيها. وأمّا البرُّ الذي من الايمان، فيقول فيه هكذا: لا تُثقل في قلبك مَنْ يصعد إلى السماء، أي لِيُنزل المسيح؟ أو من يهبط الى الهاوية، أي ليُصعد المسيح من بين الاموات؟ لكن ماذا يقول؟ ان الكلمة قريبة منك، في فيك وفي قلبك، يعني كلمة الايمان التي تُبشِّرُ بها. لأنك إن اعترفت بفمك بالرب يسوع، وآمنت في قلبك أنَّ الله قد أقامه من بين الاموات، ستخلص. لأنه بالقلب يؤمن للبرِّ، وبالفم يُعترف للخلاص.

هللوا

استلَّ وسِرَّ إلى الأمام، واملِك في سبيل الحق والدَّعة والبرِّ، فتهديك يمينك هدياً عجباً

احببت البرِّ وأبغضت الإثم، لذلك مسحك الله إلهك بدهن البهجة أفضل من شركائك.

الانجيل (متى 8: 28 الى 9: 1)

في ذلك الزمان، أتى يسوع إلى بُقعة الجزسيتين، فاستقبله رجلان بهما شياطين، خارجان من القُبور شرسان جداً بحيث لم يقو أحَد على أن يجتاز من تلك الطريق. وإذا بهما يصيحان قائلين: ما لنا ولك يا يسوع ابن الله؟ أجبت إلى هُنا قبل الزمان لتُعذِّبنا؟ وكان على بُعد منهما قطيع خنازير كثيرة ترعى. فأخذ الشياطين يتضرعون اليه قائلين: إن كُنت تُخرجنا، فائذن لنا أن نذهب إلى قطيع الخنازير. فقال لهم: أذهبوا. فخرجوا وذهبوا إلى قطيع الخنازير. فإذا بقطيع الخنازير كلّ قد وثب عن الجُزْب إلى البحر، ومات في المياه. أمّا الرعاة فهربوا ومضوا إلى المدينة، وأخبروا بكل شيء، وبأمر المُعترين. وإذا المدينة كلّها قد خرجت للقاء يسوع. فلما أبصروه طلبوا أن يتحوّل عن تُخومهم. فركب السفينة وعبر وأتى إلى مدينته.





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, JULY 9, AND SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. FORTY-FIVE MARTYRS OF NICOPOLIS IN ARMENIA.

5:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **CATHERINE KANDO** by George & Jeanne Harraka.
- + **FRED NASHAWATY, JR.** by Pamela Desmarais.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Michael & Lina Raheb.
- + **GLORIA OGNI** by Hon. Thomas Lazieh & Sons.
- + **NEWARF WAKEEM & HIS WIFE ALICE WAKEEM (Marra, Saidnaya)** by Pamela & Patricia Azar.

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **DR. BISWA NATH PAUL (40 Day)** by his wife Angeli, son Shuva, & grandchildren Neel & Lorelei. (Collation following Liturgy in Cultural Center-ALL WELCOME)
- + **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ)** by Wayne & Judy Rawan & Family.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by Mrs. Kawsar Boudjouk.
- + **PATRICIA MC DONALD** by George & Sherine Mussalli.
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: July 3, 2022: Budgets: \$1,554.00: Envelopes: \$1,465.00, Loose: \$89.00; Candles: \$54.77; Building Fund: \$1,010.00; Stole Offerings: \$75.00; Addit'l Melkite Diocesan Support: \$15.00; Computer Share: \$2.24.

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.**

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.

SUMMERTIME is an annual low point for our Parish; many are away; some get unmotivated. The attendance dwindles; liturgical celebration longs for the fullness of this family; parish members are missed. If you need to be away from this your Parish Family, at certain times, we hope that you will look for and attend Liturgy wherever you are.

In addition, donations also decrease. Your parish expenses remain to be taken care of by the few. Don't allow your Parish to suffer. Signing with your bank for automatic donations/payments is a free service offered by your banks and may be changed at any time. This will keep the parish afloat and also to maintain its expense schedule.

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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.

TODAY'S ECONOMY: If you find things getting tight at work & home, do you think that it might be beneficial to consult the Divine Economos (planner) for His wisdom, guidance and inspiration during these trying and uncertain times? (It can't hurt!! Look at what some earthly advisors have done. It involves a re-commitment of Christians to faith and a real trust in His promise to test Him. How strong is our own faith especially in difficult times? Let us show it. He should come first.)

Just imagine if we all took a step in faith.
Have we denied anything for ourselves, bodies families, homes or cars?
If not, let us not deny our beloved Church anything either.

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TODAY, JULY 10, there will be a special collection taken up for the **UPKEEP, MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT OF THE CEMETERY.** Please contribute generously for the peaceful repose of our loved ones who have gone before us to eternal life in the hope of the blessed Resurrection.

Dear Parishioners: We trust your summer has been a pleasant and safe one thus far, & that you found time to relax with family and friends; and enjoy some holiday time.

REFLECTION: "Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness."
- Isaiah 43:18-19.

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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.

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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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معجزات يسوع



21:10-19). ليس لدينا أي داعي للخوف من قوته عندما يكون هدفها لخلاصنا، "واخضع كل شيء تحت قدميه" (أفسس 1:22؛ 5:23).

ذكرت الأناجيل العديد من المعجزات التي عملها الرب يسوع في أثناء حياته على الأرض، ولكنها لا تستوعب كل ما صنع من معجزات، فقد "جال يصنع خيراً، ويشفي جميع المتسلط عليهم إبليس"

تصنيف معجزات سيدنا يسوع المسيح

يمكن تصنيف المعجزات التي قام بها سيدنا يسوع المسيح الى خمسة أصناف وهي:

1- الشفاء من الأمراض، وعددها عشرين معجزة. وتتلخص أنواع الأمراض التي شفاها يسوع بـ 10 أمراض وهي: البرص والعوى والنزف والشلل والخرس والصمم والحمى والاستسقاء والحدب وبياض اليد.

2- معجزات خارقة للطبيعة، وعددها سبعة معجزات وهي: تهدئة العاصفة (متى 8 : 23-27) ؛ مرقس 4 : 35-41) ؛ لوقا 8 : 22-25) ، يسوع يمشي على المياه (متى 14 : 22-33) ؛ مرقس 6 : 45-52) ؛ يوحنا 6 : 17-21) ، لعن شجرة التين (متى 21 : 18-22) ، مرقس 11 : 12-14) ، قطعة النقد في فم السمكة (متى 17 : 24-27) ، معجزة صيد السمك الأولى (لوقا 5 : 1-11) ، تحويل الماء الى خمر (يوحنا 2 : 1-11) ، معجزة صيد السمك الكثير الثانية (يوحنا 21 : 1-14).

3- إقامة الموتى، وعددها ثلاثة معجزات:

– إقامة ابنه يابرس (متى 9 : 18 و 45، مر 5 : 23، لو 8 : 41)

– إقامة لعازر من الأموات (يوحنا 11 : 38-44)

– إقامة ابن أرملة نايين (لوقا 7 : 11-17)

4- اشباع الجماعات، وعددها اثنتان:

اشباع الخمسة الآلاف (متى 14 : 15-21؛ مرقس 6 : 35-44؛ لوقا 9 : 12-17؛ يوحنا 6 : 5-14)، وإطعام الأربعة الآلاف (متى 15 : 32، مر 8 : 1).

5- وطرد الشياطين وعددها ثلاث معجزات:

– طرد الشيطان من أخرس مجنون (متى 9 : 32-33)

– طرد الشيطان من صبي (متى 17 : 14، مر 9 : 17، لو 9 : 37)

وقد شهد العديد من الناس مباشرة، ووجهاً لوجه، معجزات يسوع، لذا فلا يمكن دحض وتجاوز تلك المعجزات وعدم ذكرها عندما كُتِبَ العهد الجديد. ان حقيقة أن يسوع قام بالعديد من المعجزات أمر هام جداً. فمعجزاته هي دليل على أنه هو المسيح، والمسيح كما بشر به أشعيا (إشعيا 1: 61-2؛ يوحنا 1: 41)، كما أنها دليل على أنه هو ابن الله (متى 3: 17؛ لوقا 1: 35)، وأن كلمته هي الحقيقة (عبرانيين 1: 1-2؛ يوحنا 5: 36؛ 10: 25؛ 37-38؛ 20: 30-31).

كان الغرض من معجزاته ليؤكد للجميع – هؤلاء الناس الذين عاشوا خلال فترة وجوده على الأرض، ونحن اليوم، أنه المسيح ابن الله الحي. ويمكن لأي شخص أن يعرف أن يسوع هو ابن الله، ومخلص كل الذين يطيعون إنجيله (متى 18: 20-28؛ مرقس 15: 16-16؛ يوحنا 8: 31-32).

أظهرت معجزات يسوع، كما قلت، قوة خارقة للطبيعة (متى 8: 16؛ 23-27؛ 9: 8). بعض الناس الذين شهدوا صاحب المعجزات، أو آثار تلك المعجزات، خافوا منها لأنهم لم يفهموا تماماً مغزاها (لو 1: 5-10؛ 25: 8، 27-37). فالمسيح يسوع كان يستخدم قوته ليكشف عن رسالة الله ومحبة لجميع الناس. لذلك لم يكن هناك أي سبب للخوف من السلطة (يوحنا

بناء على ماذا كان يسوع يعمل معجزة؟

يمكن تصنيف المعجزات التي قام بها يسوع الى ثلاث فئات رئيسية وهي:

1- معجزات تمت بناء على طلب من الشخص الذي جرت معه المعجزة

2- معجزات تمت بناء على طلب من أهل وأقارب الشخص

3- ومعجزات تمت بمبادرة من يسوع نفسه مباشرة

استجابة يسوع لطلب المعجزات

يمكن تصنيف استجابة يسوع لطلب المعجزات كما يلي:

1- كان يسوع يستجيب مباشرة لتلبية لالتماس الايمان وشفقة (مر 2 : 5 ومتى 15 : 28) كأمثلة.

2- كان يسوع يجري حواراً مع طالب المعجزة قبل عملها.

3- ورفض مرة واحدة عمل معجزة عندما طلب الفريسيون منه عمل معجزة.

التوزيع الجغرافي للمعجزات

الباحث يعمق في أحداث الاناجيل الاربعة يجد أن هنالك 14 موقعا في الاراضي المقدسة وقعت بها احداث المعجزات التي صنعها يسوع، وهذه المواقع هي:

كفرناحوم (11 معجزة) - بحر الجليل - بلدة الجدرين (جدارا) - بيت صيدا (شمال شرقي بحيرة طبريا) - صور وصيدا - اريحا - في الطريق الى اورشليم - قانا الجليل - اورشليم القدس - بيتاني - الجسثمانية - قرب قيصرية فيلبس - ديكابوليس - نايين

أبرز الدروس والعبر من المعجزات

يمكن الخروج بعدد من الدروس والعبر من المعجزات التي قام بها يسوع وفيما يلي أبرزها بالارتكاز على معجزة تحويل الماء الى خمر.

1- الثقة بيسوع

2- توضيح قوة وسلطة يسوع على خليقته والطبيعة

3- ليس من الواجب أن نفهم ما يريد منا يسوع حتى نطيعه

4- اذا اردنا أن نحصل معنا معجزة علينا أن ندعو يسوع الى حياتنا (عرس قانا الجليل مثال)

5- أن نتقدم الى يسوع ونطلب منه ونجعل طلبتنا واضحة ومحددة (تعالوا الي أيها المتعبون وثقيلي الاحمال وأنا أريحكم).

6- أن نسمع ما يقوله يسوع ونطيعه

7- أن نترك الوسيلة للرب يسوع لعمل معجزة معنا

8- أن تصبح المعجزة حافظاً لنا ولغيرنا للايمان بيسوع

9- على الرغم من أن يسوع كان في مهمة (ON MISSION) على الارض ألا أنه وجد وقتاً ليحضر عرساً ويشارك الناس فرحهم.

10- أن نعتد على يسوع لاصلاح الاخطاء في حياتنا.

Christ's healing



The Gospels as well as the entire Bible gives recognition at times to a spiritual warfare of cosmic dimensions which is ongoing within the created universe. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became incarnate and entered into the world exactly to engage in this warfare on our behalf. Oftentimes in our daily lives we are not aware of the ongoing spiritual warfare, though some people, monks for example are consciously engaged in the warfare on a daily basis.

In the Gospel, it is obvious that Christ does not just talk to those who are holy, sinless, without problems. He engages everyone in the world, even those possessed by Satan.

Compared to life in Biblical times, we have many modern advantages that help relieve suffering, pain and sickness. The medical progress and social welfare we experience are a direct result of Christian efforts to help the needy and to relieve suffering. The impetus was the mercy and care that Christianity advocated for the poor and needy. It was the Christians who established hospices and hospitals and famine relief and care for orphans and widows throughout the Roman Empire. That was the seed for the development of medical science and social concern for those in need. This was a real response to the evil they could see everywhere and which most people simply tried to avoid.

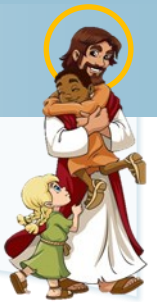
Throughout the Gospel Christ is present in the world seeking lost sheep, injured lambs, the sick and the possessed. Christ freely went even to places and people who had forsaken God. We attend the Liturgy to make Christ present in our lives, because we agree and believe that there is real evil in the world and we want it defeated. We unite ourselves to Christ to expel evil from our lives. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ to strengthen ourselves in the spiritual warfare so that we can go back into the world to defeat evil and witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We accept the risk of what spiritual warfare means – including martyrdom. Our task is not simply to come to the church to receive Christ and be united to Him. Our task is to go

back into the world to get Christ out of the Church and into the entire world, to claim our lives for God and be God's servants daily so that evil is crushed because we are oriented to God. We don't need to orient ourselves toward evil to defeat it, we defeat evil by completing orienting our lives, our hearts and minds to God. If we keep our eyes and hearts on Christ, Satan and evil are automatically defeated.

The Liturgy in the Church orients our lives toward the Kingdom of God, it helps us always keep our face toward God. In the Liturgy we are always facing in one direction toward God, with our backs toward Satan because we have left evil behind us. That is the symbolism of the Liturgy and why we stand and orient ourselves this way in the Liturgy rather than sitting around in circle with the altar at our center.

Our spiritual struggle is not just against our personal sins and passions, it is part of the cosmic warfare against Satan and all evil powers. This is why it is so difficult to overcome our personal sins and failings. Our struggle within ourselves immediately puts us into the conflict with Satan and his forces. When you desire to stop any sin or passion within yourself, lust, greed, anger, lying, etc, you are at once engaged in the spiritual warfare which is raging through the entire world. One difficulty in overcoming our sins, temptations and passions is we are not prepared to engage in the full spiritual warfare against Satan, and we fail to think of ourselves as part of the world or part of a greater whole. We tend to see our self as isolated and in a lonely struggle and that we just have personal problems, but the reality is we really are part of a bigger war. Christ came into the world to take on Himself the sin of the world, to directly confront and defeat Satan. But we have to keep ourselves united to Christ to benefit from His power. We keep ourselves united to Christ in the Communion of the Saints, in the Church, through confession, communion, prayer, the Liturgy, bible study, in practicing charity and forgiveness. We learn to love in and through community and that keeps us in the Body of Christ.

Following Jesus Kids bulletin



Healing of the Gerasene Demoniacs



Jesus arrived from sea



Man possessed by demons



Jesus meeting the man possessed by demons



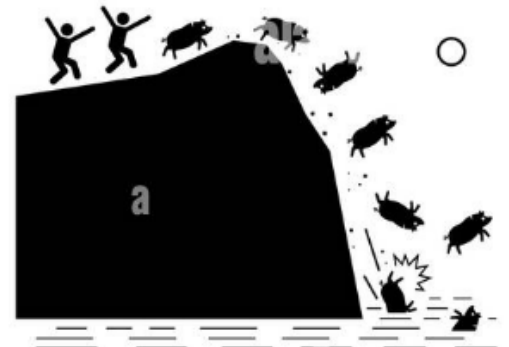
Demons beg Jesus to send them into pigs



Jesus send demons into pigs



Pigs possessed by demons



Pigs drowned themselves



Man talking with Jesus



Town people angry at Jesus



Man wanted to follow Jesus



Jesus asked the man to go home



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



JULY	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 تموز - يوليو 2022	31 8 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثامن بعد العنصرة 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 Matthew 14:14-22					1 Sts Cosmas & Damian 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-7 Matthew 10:1; 5-8	2 Mantle of Our Lady at Blachernae Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 1:39-49,56
	3 4 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الرابع بعد العنصرة Romans 6:18-23 Matthew 8:5-13	4 St Andrew of Crete Romans 12:4-5,15-21 Matthew 12:9-13	5 St Athanasios of Athos Romans 14:9-18 Matthew 12:14-16,22-30	6 St Sisoies the Great Romans 15:7-16 Matthew 12:38-45	7 St Thomas of Maleum Romans 15:17-29 Matthew 12:46-13:3	8 St Procopios Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 13:3-9	9 St Pancratios of Taormina Romans 8:14-21 Matthew 9:9-13
JUNE 2022 S M T W T F S 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	10 5 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الخامس بعد العنصرة Romans 10:1-10 Matthew 8:28-9:1	11 St Euphemia 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 7:36-50	12 Sts Proclus & Hilarion 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Matthew 13:24-30	13 Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel 1 Corinthians 2:9-3:8 Matthew 13:31-36	14 St Joseph the Confessor 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Matthew 13:36-43	15 Sts Cyricos and Julitta 1 Corinthians 4:5-8 Matthew 13:44-54	16 St Athenogenes and his 10 disciples Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 9:18-26
AUGUST 2022 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	17 Fathers of the first 6 Ecumenical Councils آباء المجمع المسكونية الستة الأولى Titus 3:8-15 Matthew 5:14-19	18 St Emilian 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11 Matthew 13:54-58	19 St Macrina 1 Corinthians 6:20-7:12 Matthew 14:1-13	20 The prophet Elijah (Elias) النبي إيليا التثمبي James 5:10-20 Luke 4:22-30	21 Sts Simeon Salos and John 1 Corinthians 7:24-35 Matthew 15:12-21	22 St Mary Magdalene 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 Luke 8:1-3	23 Holy Prophet Ezekiel Romans 12:1-3 Matthew 10:37-11:1
	24 7 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد السابع بعد العنصرة Romans 15:1-7 Matthew 9:27-35	25 Dormition of St Anne Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21	26 St Hermolaos and his companions 1 Corinthians 10:5-12 Matthew 16:6-12	27 St Panteleimon 2 Timothy 2:1-10 Luke 21:12-19	28 Sts Prochor, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas 1 Corinthians 10:28-11:8 Matthew 16:24-28	29 Sts Callinicos and Theodota 1 Corinthians 11:8-23 Matthew 17:10-18	30 Sts Silas and Sylvan Romans 13:1-10 Matthew 12:30-37



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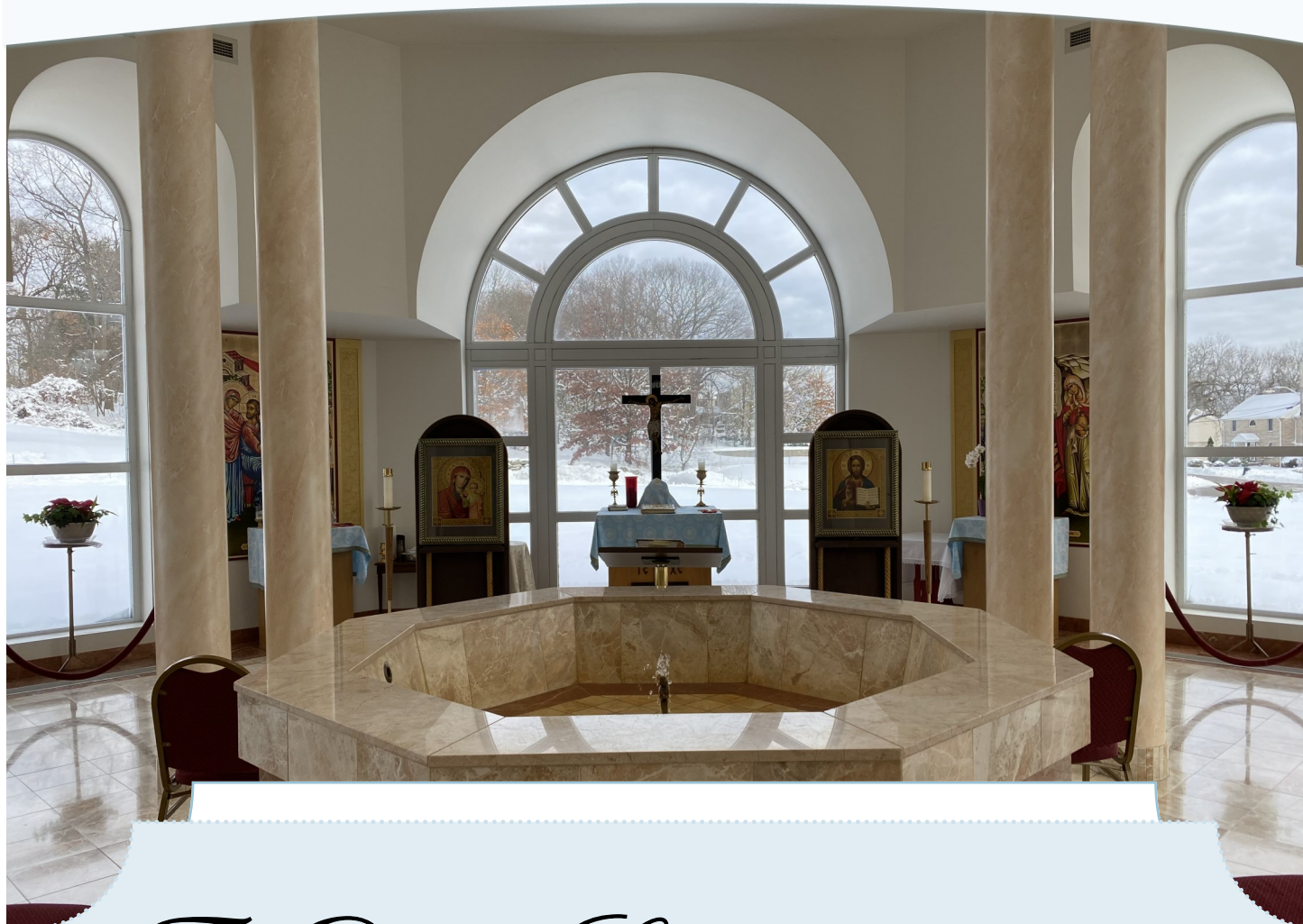
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Weekend Divine Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 pm — Sunday: 10:00 am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available
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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 \$400,000, awaiting start date



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



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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