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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office hours

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

Divine 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



6th Sunday After Pentecost Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

الإحد السادس بعد العنصرة
أحد آباء المجامع المسكونية الستة الأولى

Troparion of the Resurrection, (5th Tone)

Let us O Faithful praise and worship the Word coeternal with
the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation.
For He has willed to be lifted in the flesh upon the Cross, and
to endure death, and to raise the dead by his glorious
Resurrection.

TROPARION (8th Tone)

O CHRIST OUR GOD, you are above all glory, for you have
established our Holy Fathers as radiant stars on earth,
and through them you have guided us all to the true faith.
Most Merciful One, 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

نشيد القيامة باللحن الخامس

لنشيد نحن المؤمنين ونسجد للكلمة، الأزلي مع
الآب والروح، المولود من العذراء لخلاصنا. لأنه
ارتضى أن يصعد بالجسد على الصليب، ويحتمل
الموت، وينهض الموتى بقيامته المجيدة.

الطروبارية على اللحن الثامن

أنت أيها المسيح إلهنا فائق المجد، لأنك أقمت
آباءنا كواكب على الأرض، هديتنا جميعاً إلى الإيمان
الحقيقي. فيا جليل التحنن المجد لك.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقتك في كل الأرض. فأنها قد قبِلَتْ
كلامك، الذي به بَيِّنَتْ العقائدَ 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





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>



of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

Epistle Titus 3:8-15,

PROKIMENON (Tone 8)

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

Stichon: Happy are those whose faults are taken away, and whose sins are covered.

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus

My son Titus, this saying is true, and in this matter, I want to insist that those who believe in God be careful to excel in good works; these are good and useful to people. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and quarrels, and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and futile.

Avoid a factious man after warning him one or twice, knowing that such a man is perverted and sins, since he is condemning himself.

When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, taking care that they lack nothing. And let our people also learn to excel in good works, in order to help cases of urgent need so that they may not be unfruitful. All my companions greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. The grace of God be with all of you. Amen.

ALLELUIA (Tone 4)

O God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old. Stichon: For you saved us from those who afflicted us and have put to shame those who hated us

Gospel Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but upon the lamp-stand, so as to give light to all in the house. Even so let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For amen I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not one letter or one stroke shall be lost from the Law till all things have been accomplished. Therefore, whoever does away with one of these least commandments, and so teaches men, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever carries them out and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

الى معونتنا، نحن الصارخين اليك يايمان: هلمي الى الشفاعة، وأسري الى الابتهاال، يا والدة الاله المحامية دائماً عن مكرميك.

مقدمة الرسالة

إفرحوا بالربِّ وابتهجوا أيها الصديقون، وافتخروا يا جميع المستقيمي القلوب
 طوبى للذين غُفِرَتْ ذُنُوبُهُمْ، والذين سُتِرَتْ خطاياهم

الرسالة (تيطس 3: 8-15)

يا ولدي تيطس، صادق القول، وأريد ان تُقَرَّر هذه الامور، حتى يكون الذين آمنوا بالله ذوي اهتمام في القيام بالأعمال الصالحة. فهذه هي الحسنه والنافعة للناس. أما المباحثات السخيفة والانساب، والخصومات والمماحكات على الناموس فأجتنبها، فإنها غير نافعة وباطلة. ورجل البدعة، بعد الانذار أولاً وثانياً، أعرض عنه، عالماً ان مثل هذا قد زاع، وهو في الخطية يقضي. هو نفسه على نفسه. متى ارسلت اليك أرتماس أو تيخيكس بادر ان تأتيني الى نيكوبولس. لأني عولت ان أشتق هناك. اما زيناس معلّم الناموس وأبلّس، فجهرهما باعتناء لئلا يُعوّزهما شيء. وليتعلم ذوونا ايضاً ان يقوموا بالأعمال الصالحة للحاجات الضرورية، حتى لا يكونوا بدون ثمر. يُسلم عليك جميع الذين معي. سلم على الذين يُحبوننا في الايمان. النعمة معكم اجمعين. آمين

هللوا

اللهم بأذاننا قد سمعنا، وآباؤنا أخبرونا بالعمل الذي عملته في أيامهم، في الايام القديمة
 خلّصتنا من مضايقيننا، وأخرّيت مبغضينا.

الانجيل (متى 5: 14 – 20) انجيل احد آباء المجامع المسكونية الستة الاولى

قال الرب، أنتم نور العالم، لا يمكن أن تخفي مدينة قائمة على جبل، ولا يوقد سراج ويوضع تحت المكيال، بل على المنارة فيضيء لكل من في البيت. وهكذا فليضيء نوركم قدام الناس، ليروا أعمالكم الصالحة ويمجدوا أبائكم الذي في السماوات. لا تظنوا اني أتيت لأنقض الناموس والأنبياء. اني لم آت لأنقض بل لأتكمم. الحق أقول لكم: إنه إلى أن تزول السماء والارض لا تزول ياء واحدة أو نقطة واحدة من الناموس حتى يتم الكل. فكل من يحل واحدة من تلك الوصايا الصغرى ويعلم الناس هكذا، فإنه يُدعى صغيراً في ملكوت السماوات. وأما من يعمل بها ويعلم، فهذا يُدعى عظيماً في ملكوت السماوات.





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 16, AND SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022: SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS,

5:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **CATHERINE KANDO** by Alberta Mardo.
- + **MARJORIE NASHAWATY** by Pamela Desmarais.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Stacey & Ronald Raheb.
- + **JAMES & LILLIAN SALOME** by the Family.
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by Penny & Henry Letendre.

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **GEORGE SANKY (5th Anniv.)** by his loving wife Bertha & children,
- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY** by his sister Bertha & Family.
- + **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ)** by Bob & Lydia Gaboriault & Family.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by Bill & Kinda Almon.
- + **PATRICIA MC DONALD** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: July 10, 2022: Budgets: \$2,273.00; Envelopes: \$2,205.00, Loose: \$68.00; Candles: \$31.00; Building Fund: \$176.00; Cemetery: \$210.00; Addit'l Melkite Diocesan Support: \$50.00.

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.**

SO DON'T FORGET US: During the summer months, many of our parishioners spend time away on vacation. And that's great. We would respectfully ask that all make sure that they include the Lord during the time away by going to Liturgy wherever they are. Also, please remember to remember that your Parish must maintain its (really, your) financial obligations during the summer months. Please do not neglect your responsibility to maintain your spiritual home. A few send in their weekly support before they go away; a few make up for the weeks missed when they return. We thank all those who remember to display their love and support for their Church in a responsible manner.

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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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ST. BASIL'S PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL will hold an open meeting for all parishioners this Thursday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center. Please spread the word. Hope to see everyone on the 21st.

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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 precious time as well.

REFLECTION: "Change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were, corrupted by deceitful desires. Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness."

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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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أنتم ملح الأرض، أنتم نور العالم



قال الله: "ليكن نور!" فصار النور، ومنذ البداية صار النور علامة ظهور الله بيننا لطبيعته الخفية. وعندما دخل يسوع العالم واكتشف ما فيه من ظلام ديني وأخلاقي، قال: "أنا نور العالم"، لذا بسط ضوءه علينا وقال عنا: "أنتم نور العالم". فما يعني به طبعًا، نفهمه فقط عندما نكتشف ما قام به هو في هذا العالم لينيره. فحياته هي مرآة لحياتنا، نرى فيها ما يجب علينا أن نكون أو نعمل، ليقتردي بنا الناس. إن أجمل أعماله وأقواله كانت المحبة والتسامح: "أنا أيضًا لا أحكم عليك! قم واذهب ولا تعد تُخطئ". نعم، سامحنا وصالحنا مع أبيه، إذ هو الوسيط بيننا وبين الله أبيه "إذ ما أعطي للناس إنسان آخر به يخلصون". أنتم نور العالم. هذا النور يجب أن يشع في الخارج ليزيل الظلمة. قال شهيد من سجون هتلر: إن دخل من مسيحي نور بسيط، أو شعلة حرارة على مجتمعنا، فيصير لحياة قيمة ومعنى، إذ العالم بحاجة لهما. فكما ظهر الله في الإبن بيننا وصار نورنا، هكذا على المسيحي أن يُظهر نور المسيح الذي قال عن نفسه: أنا نور العالم.

حياتنا تتطلب التنوع والتخصص، لذا فهناك وظائف لا يستطيع إشغالها إلا المتخصصون. من هنا نشأت فكرة الإعلانات عن بعض الوظائف وشروط التقدم إليها. نعم هذي هي الحياة. الدعايات لتعريف البضاعة الجديدة وتصريف المنتجات صارت أيضًا مهمة.

من جهة ثانية، إن نَوَت المصانع انتاج بضاعة جديدة فهي تسلك طريق الدعايات بكل الوسائل، لتُعَرَف عليها. هناك دعايات في التلفزيون تكلف باهظًا، فمثلا إن أرادت الشركة وضع الإعلان وسط برنامج مهم مثلا في أوقات عرض الرياضة التي يشاهدها ملايين الأشخاص، فإن الدقيقة الواحدة لهذه الدعاية تكلف 250 ألف دولار.

أنتم ملح الأرض. أنتم نور العالم. أما هذه الأقوال أحسنُ دعاية؟ الله أراد منذ البداية اختيار شعب يجعله مثلا للشعوب الباقية. وهذا أيضًا طريق دعاية. الله أراد أن يُري العالم واقعًا ما هو تصميمه معنا، وكيف أنه منذ البداية تقرب لهذا الشعب واختاره من بين شعوب العالم، فبدأ بتحريره من عبودية فرعون، ثم سار معه في الصحراء وغدّاه بأعجوبة حتى وصل أرض الميعاد. فهذه علامات محبته لخلقه لا يجوز أن ننساها. لكن هذه الشعب افتر أن يهواه سيبقى معه هكذا مؤبداً وأنه لا يحتاج لإجهاد نفسه بشيء: نحن أبناء إبراهيم، قالوا، فكان ذلك ككرت حصانة دبلوماسية لهم، لذا كانوا يفتكرون أن السماء لهم ولذرية إبراهيم وحدهم. أما يسوع فعاكسهم إذ قال لهم: "ألا تعلمون أن الله قادر أن يجعل من الحجارة أبناء إبراهيم، بديلا لكم أنتم؟". لذا كان الله ربط اختياره لهذا الشعب بشروط، أهمها الأمانة لوصاياه، التي أعطاهم إياها على جبل سيناء، بواسطة منقذهم موسى، وألا يعبدوا آلهة أخرى سواه: "أنا هو الرب إلهكم". لكن الشعب لم يبق أميناً لمطلب الله هذا، لذا فهو فقد حقه على هذا الاختيار الخارق، وقاصصه الله حيث جاء نبوخذ نصر ملك الآشوريين من بابلون، واقتاد الشعب كعبيد إلى بلاد أخرى، لا غسل ولا حليب فيها، من بعد ما دمر لهم هيكلهم في أورشليم. والغريب أنه بعد تحريرهم ورجوعهم إلى أرض الموعد، كأنهم لم يتعلموا الدرس، بل راحوا يخالفون أوامر الله أكثر من المرة السابقة، فقاصصهم

هذه كلمات وأوصاف واضحة، والمهم أن يسوع لا يعطي أتباعه أوامر، بمعنى كونوا كذا وكذا! لكنه ينطق بحقيقة. يضعها أمام عيون المستمع: أنتم ملح الأرض... فهل نحن واعون، عمّا نحن ليسوع أولاً وللعالم. إن مفعول الملح والنور لا يخفى على أحد. فالملح هو من أهم المُقَبَّلَات للطعام. يمكن لرب المطبخ أن يستغني عن كل المقبلات وأما عن الملح فلا، إذ الملح هو الذي يعطي للطعام نكهته الخاصة. والطبيعة كلها تحتاج له، فهو عنصر مهم لها وإلا فسدت خيراتها. يؤكد أحد المبشرين في أوغندا بإفريقيا أن أحد أسباب الموت الأولية هناك هو نقص الملح في الجسم، وهذا العنصر غير متوفر عندهم. ف"إذا فسد الملح فأى شيء يُملّحُه، إنّه لا يصلح بعد، إلا لأن يُطرح في خارج الدار وتدوسه الناس". إن لغة الإنجيل وأمثاله وتشابيهه بسيطة، وما يقوله هو دائماً ساري المفعول، ويدفع إلى التفكير.

أليس هذا ما عناه يسوع بوصفنا ملح الأرض. وهذه وصية ومسؤولية مهمة في عنقنا تجاه قريبنا. وصية مهمة كامتلاك الملح في المطبخ. إذ الملح مهم أكثر مما نفتكر. العلم يقول إن 4/5 الأرض من وجه الأرض مغطى بالملح. وقد أثبت عالم جيولوجي (أي الذي يبحث في طبقات الكرة الأرضية) أن مياه البحار والقارات تحتوي نسبياً على 4 بالمئة من مجملها ملحاً، يمكن بناء سور عالٍ حول الكرة الأرضية منه بعلو 10 أمتار. ولولا كمية الملح الكبيرة هذه في المياه، لفسدت مياه البحار وعادت ريحتها لا تطاق وماتت أكثر الكائنات المائية.

الملح لا يُعطي فقط طعمًا ناكهاً، بل هو حاوٍ على قوة حاملة، كما في البحر الميت الذي نسبة الملح فيه هي 23% وهي أعلى نسبة مياه مالحة في العالم، فمن يلقي بنفسه على سطح هذه المياه لا يغرق ولا يحتاج إلى نجدة حتى ولو كان



As members of Christ's Body, we are called to be salt and light in a darkened world that is sick and putrefying, and in need of Christ's healing, wholeness, light, and life. But in a world that is at enmity with God and has, in general, rejected the good news of the glorious gospel of Christ, this is no easy matter – and we are likely to come up against much resistance to our message of hope and personal rejection from our fellow-man... and even hatred, abuse, or death.

As children of God, we are meant to shine the light gospel of grace into a world that is steeped in the darkness of sin and condemnation. We are to be people who radiate the light of God's love and truth into the lives of those with whom we come in contact, even though our message will be rejected by many - and in this world, we will have tribulation.

While He was on earth Jesus was the Light of the world, but we have been made His representatives and have been entrusted with the message of the gospel of grace - the ministry of reconciliation. We have been empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit to shine forth truth and expose the evil works of darkness. We are called to intercede for sinner and saint alike, and are privileged to partner with our God and Saviour, by holding back the flood-waters of evil through prayer and supplication.

The apostle John urges each one of us to shine as a light while it is still day, because the dark night of sorrow is coming, when no one can work. Similarly, Paul taught us that as children of the light we are working in partnership with the indwelling Spirit by resisting the evil one and exposing the evil works of darkness. It is through a life of holiness, empowered by the Spirit, that we proclaim the good news of the gospel of grace throughout the world.

We are not expected to hide our light under a bushel nor to turn a deaf ear to their pitiful state of the unsaved – for all are in need of salvation and all need Christ, for the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. We are in the world, but we are not of it, and so our attitude and action must show compassion toward those that are dying in their sins, while not being influenced by the prevailing gloom of this dark world-system.

His ambassadors on earth. He instructed us to, "let your light so shine before men, that the world may see your good works, and glorify your Father Who is in heaven."

As children of God who are born of the Spirit and washed in His blood, we have now become 'light in the Lord'. We are directed, as the Body of Christ, to shine the light of Christ into the world with our godly conduct, so that throughout our Christian life we may walk worthy of our calling as 'children of the light'.

All that we do and all that we are should reflect the glory of the Lord Jesus for a special purpose... so that our heavenly Father may be glorified through our lives. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we should seek to do good. We should endeavour to be gentle, tender-hearted, gracious, and kind. We are entrusted to serve one other, forgiving one another, while reflecting the beautiful character of Jesus in all we do and say - for He is the Son of light. He is the Giver of life.

We should be like the moon reflecting the glorious light of the sun, diverting attention away from ourselves onto the lovely person of the Lord Jesus. We should let the light of our 'new life in Christ' shine steadily in the darkness of this world, so that all who see us will catch a glimpse of Christ reflected in our lives, and recognise our heavenly calling – giving praise to God, our Father of lights.

My Prayer

God of light and life and peace, I bring before You a world that is ravaged by war and suffering, disaster and distress, through the actions and attitudes of selfish men. I pray that the light of Christ would illuminate a dark world that has chosen to turn its back on the One Who is the true Light of the world and Who brings life and love to all who believe. I pray that You use me in the corner of the world where You have placed me, to bring the light, the life, and the love of Christ to a hurting world. Keep me ever mindful that without You I can do nothing, but in the strength and power of Your Holy Spirit, I am enabled to act as Your hands, Your feet, and Your heart, to those in need. In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.

Christ entrusted the Church with the privileged position of being

Source: <https://dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com/matthew-5-14>

Following Jesus Kids bulletin



BibleWise

You Are the Light of the World

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, specifically in Matthew 5 verses 14-16 (NKJV), Jesus reminds us that we are the light of the world. Use the pictures below to complete verses 14-16. You can cut out the pictures and paste them in the proper spot in the verses below.


You are the _____ of the _____ —like a city on a
that cannot be hidden. No one lights a _____ and then
puts it under a _____. Instead, a lamp is placed on a
stand, where it gives _____ to everyone in the _____.
In the same way, let your good deeds _____ out for all
to see, so that everyone will _____ your heavenly Father.





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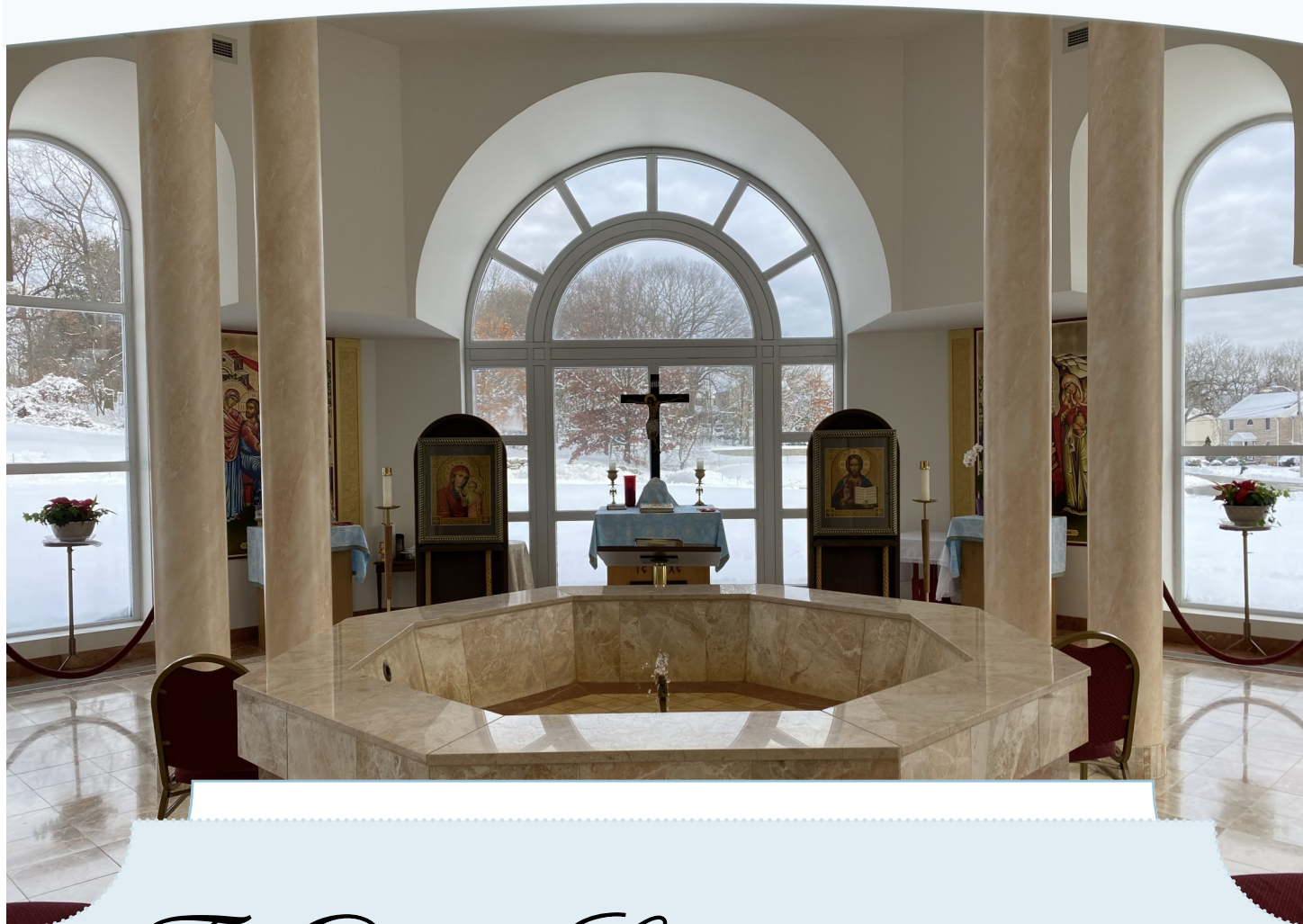
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Tuesday to Friday at 9:00 am (Postponed until further notice)

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 \$400,000, 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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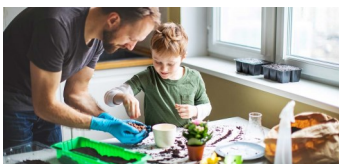


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