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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

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Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

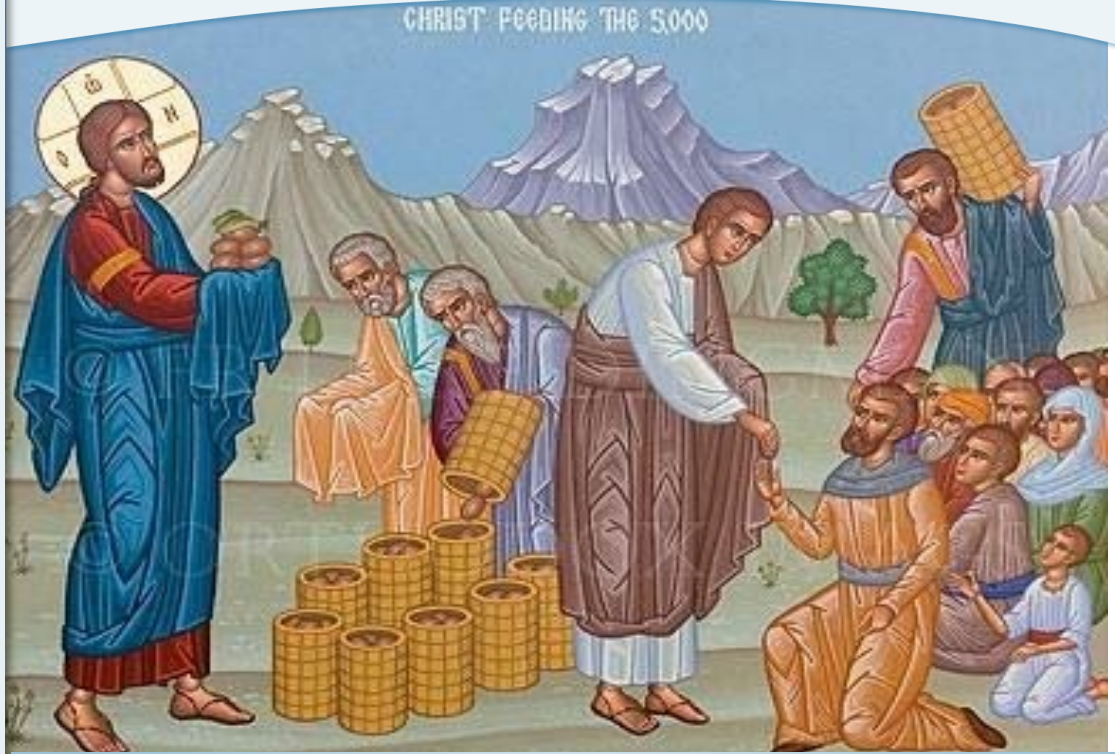
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will
be available before the Divine
Liturgy or by appointment

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

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



**8th Sunday after Pentecost
Jesus feeds the five thousand**

الاحد الثامن بعد العنصرة
يسوع يطعم الخمس الاف

Troparion of the Resurrection (7th tone)

Through your Cross You destroyed death, You opened
Paradise to the thief, and turned into joy the mourning of the
ointment bearing women, and You ordered your Apostles to
proclaim that You rose, O Christ God, Bestowing great mercy
upon the world.

نشيد القيامة باللحن السابع
لاشيء بصليبك الموت، وفتحت للصي الفردوس،
وحولت نوح حاملات الطيب الى فرح، وأمرت
رسلك أن يكرزوا مبشرين بأنك قد قممت، أيها
المسيح الإله، مانحاً العالم عظيم الرحمة.

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.

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.

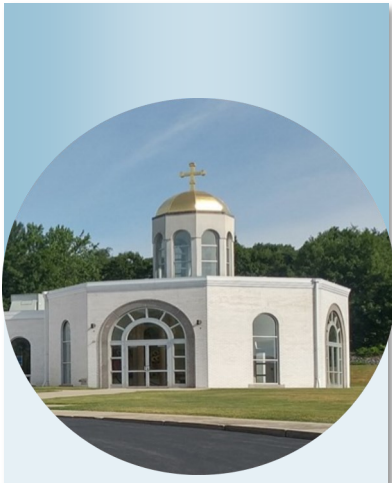
Kondakion of the Transfiguration (7th tome)

O Christ God, you were transfigured on the Mountain, and
your disciples saw as much of your glory as they could hold, so
that seeing You crucified they would know You had willed to
suffer your passion and would proclaim to the world that You
as verily the Reflection of the Father.

قنداق الختام للتجلي - اللحن السابع

تجلت أيها المسيح الإله على الجبل. وبقدراً ما
استطاع تلاميذك شاهدوا مجدك لكي يفهموا، إذا
ما رأوك مصلوباً أنك تتألم باختياريك. ويكرزوا
للعالم أنك انت حقاً ضياء الاب.





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 1 Cor 1:10-17

PROKIMENON (Tone 7)

The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Stichon: Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise

READING from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brethren, I beseech you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all say the same thing, and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be perfectly united in one mind and one purpose. For I have been informed about you, my brethren, by those of the house of Chloe, that there are quarrels among you. Now this is what I mean: each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."

Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in Paul's name? I thank God that I baptized none of you but Crispus and Caius, lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. I baptized also the household of Stephanas. I am not aware of having baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Good News, not with the skill of eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be made useless.

ALLELUIA (Tone 7)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord; to sing praises to your name, O Most High!

Stichon: To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

Gospel, 8th of Pentecost: Matthew 14:14-22]

At that time when Jesus saw a large crowd, out of compassion for them he cured their sick. Now when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, "This is a desert place and the hour is already late; send the crowds away, so that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them. "They do not need to go away; you yourselves give them some food." They answered him, "We have here only five loaves and two fishes." He said to them, "Bring them here to me." And when he had ordered the crowd to sit down on the grass, he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowd. And all ate and were satisfied; and they gathered up what was left over, twelve baskets full of fragments. Now the number of those who had eaten was five thousand men, not counting women and children. And immediately afterwards he made his disciples get into the boat and cross ahead of him, while he dismissed the crowd.

الاحد الثامن بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

الرَّبُّ يُوْتِي شَعْبَهُ قُوَّةَ، الرَّبُّ يَبَارِكُ شَعْبَهُ
 بِالسَّلَام
 قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ، قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ أَبْنَاءَ
 الْكِبَاشِ

الرسالة (1 كورنثس 1: 10 - 17)

يا اخوة، أُرْضِّكُمْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، ان تقولوا جميعكم قولاً واحداً، وان لا تكون بينكم شِقَاقَات، بل تكونوا مُلتَمِمينَ بفكرٍ واحدٍ ورأيٍ واحد. فقد أَخْبَرَنِي عَنْكُمْ يَا اخوتي اهلُ كَلُوة، أنَّ بينكم خصومات. أعني أنَّ كلَّ واحدٍ منكم يقول أنا لبولس، ان انا لأبُلُس، او انا لكيفا، او انا للمسيح، هل تجزأ المسيح؟ أَلَعَلَّ بولسٌ ضَلَبَ لأجلكم؟ ام باسمِ بولسٍ اعتمدتم؟ أَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ أَنِّي لم أَعْمِدْ مِنْكُمْ أَحَدًا، سِوَى كَرشِبَسَ وغايوس، لئلا يقول أحدٌ إنِّي عَمَدْتُ بِاسْمِي. وقد عَمَدْتُ أيضاً اهلَ بَيْتِ إِسْتِيفَانَا. وما عدا ذلك لا أَعْلَمُ هل عَمَدْتُ أَحَدًا غَيْرَهُمْ. لان المسيح لم يُرْسَلْنِي لِأَعْمَدَ بل لِأُبَشِّرَ، لا بِحِكْمَةٍ الْكَلَامِ، لئلا يُبْطَلَ صُلْبُ الْمَسِيحِ.

هللوا

صالحُ الاعترافُ للرَّبِّ، والاشادةُ لاسْمِكِ ايها
 العلي

ليُخَبَّرَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ الْبَغْدَاةُ، وفي الليلِ بِحَقِّكَ

الانجيل (متى 14: 14 - 22)

في ذلك الزمان، أَبْصَرَ يَسُوعُ جَمْعًا كَثِيرًا، فَتَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَبْرَأَ مَرْضَاهُمْ. وَلَمَّا أَقْبَلَ الْمَسَاءَ، دَنَا إِلَيْهِ تَلَامِيذُهُ وَقَالُوا لَهُ: إِنَّ الْمَكَانَ قَفْرٌ، وَالسَّاعَةُ قَدْ فَاتَتْ، فَأَصْرِفِ الْجُمُوعَ لِيَذْهَبُوا إِلَى الْفُرَى وَيَتَنَاعُوا لَهُمْ طَعَامًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: لَا حَاجَةَ لَهُمْ إِلَى الدَّهَابِ، أَعْطَوْهُمْ أَنْتُمْ لِيَأْكُلُوا. فَقَالُوا لَهُ: لَيْسَ عِنْدَنَا هَهُنَا إِلَّا خَمْسَةُ أَرْغِفَةٍ وَسَمَكَتَانِ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: إِلَيَّ بِهَا إِلَيَّ هَهُنَا. وَأَمَرَ الْجُمُوعَ أَنْ تَتَكَيَّ عَلَى الْعُشْبِ. ثُمَّ أَخَذَ الْخَمْسَةَ الْارْغِفَةَ وَالسَّمَكَتَيْنِ، وَنَظَرَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَبَارَكَ، ثُمَّ كَسَرَ وَأَعْطَى الْأَرْغِفَةَ لِلتَّلَامِيذِ، وَالتَّلَامِيذُ لِلْجُمُوعِ. فَأَكَلَ جَمِيعُهُمْ وَشَبِعُوا، وَرَفَعُوا مَا فَضَّلَ مِنَ الْكَسْرِ اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ قَفَّةً مَمْلُوءَةً. وَكَانَ الْآكَلُونَ نَحْوَ خَمْسَةِ آلَافٍ رَجُلٍ سِوَى النِّسَاءِ وَالْأَوْلَادِ. وَلِلْوَقْتِ اضْطَرَّ يَسُوعُ تَلَامِيذُهُ أَنْ يَرْكَبُوا السَّفِينَةَ، وَيَسْبِقُوهُ إِلَى الْعَبْرِ حَتَّى يَصْرِفَ الْجُمُوعَ.



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 30, AND SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022: EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. HOLY & JUST EUDOCIMUS; VIGIL OF THE PROCESSION OF THE CROSS.

5:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + CATHERINE KANDO by Richard (Dick) & Rose Marie Costa.
- + FRED NASHAWATY by Pamela Desmarais.
- + MARGARET SABBAGH by Joan Ray.
- + ADELE SHWAERY by Hon, Thomas Lazieh & Sons.
- + JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA by M/M Michael O'Rourke & Family.
- + CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE by M/M Michael O'Rourke & Family.
- + LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE by Uncle Michael, Auntie B., Greg & Katie.

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + MRS. FLAVIE ALTONGY RAHEB (Birthday Remem.) by the Family.
- + MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ) by Mr. Kevin J. Kishfy.
- + GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL by George Madour & Family.
- + JOSEPH & HELEN ALTONGY by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + SOUBHI & ANTOINETTE ESPER by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: July 24, 2022: Budgets: \$1,896.00: Envelopes: \$1,880.00, Loose: \$16.00; Candles: \$103.00; Stole Offerings: \$25.00; Building Fund: \$220.00; Addit'l: Cemetery: \$25.00.; Addit'l Melkite Support: \$10.00; Cook Books: \$60.00.

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 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.

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.

SO DON'T FOR GET 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.

A THOUGHT WORTH ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION: When you or those around you feel that, at certain times, there are too many requests for money, please consider these points: Are we the only parish in the entire United States that has these requests? Have we ever researched life in other parishes? Does the real solution lie with the church lifestyle itself or with some of our parishioners? Do we want to return to a much simpler and minimal parish life that may have been in existence before? Are there are other options that you can offer for meeting our expenses? How badly do we want to maintain this presence here? A review of our (your) weekly finances may be beneficial.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
receive, seek and you
shall find, knock and it
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seek, I ask that my prayer
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O Jesus, Who has said,
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and urgently ask your
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O Jesus, Who has said,
"Heaven and earth shall
pass away but My word
shall not pass away,"
through the intercession
of the Theotokos Your
Most Holy Mother, I feel
confident that my prayer
will be granted.





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!

A final meeting for this event will be held this Tuesday, August 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center. We encourage and urge all age groups to attend to make this major event the greatest success ever.

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.

Through your support and participation, the many beautiful traditions of our religious and cultural heritage will continue from generation to generation. Again, everyone is welcomed!

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.

TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE: We are all links of a chain. A chain is as strong as its weakest link! What kind of link are you? Let us make 2022 the year that we give more of ourselves in the strengthening of the chain of St. Basil the Great Community. Hopefully, many more will step up in their real understanding of parish membership.

TODAY, JULY 30th and JULY 31st, there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT**. Please help subsidize our monthly payment for the operation of our Diocese. Please give generously.

Next Saturday, August 6^h & Sunday, August 7th, we will celebrate **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**. It will be highlighted by the **BLESSING OF THE GRAPES**, another hint of the Transfiguration awaiting us. The grape is the recognized symbol of transfiguration in the Christian Tradition. As the prayer of the blessing reminds us, it is the grape, which is transformed into wine, and then, at the Divine Liturgy, into the blood of Christ. As we eat these blessed grapes, we are reminded once more of the transforming power of the Holy Spirit within us leading us from one step of deification to another.

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, especially now, with some lower temperatures, after having had the unbearable heat wave that we coped with.

REFLECTION: "Don't tell GOD how BIG your storm is, tell the storm how BIG your GOD is."

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معجزة إشباع الجموع



يتحدث المقطع الإنجيلي اليوم عن معجزة إشباع الخمسة آلاف، القراءة الإنجيلية من متى (14: 14-22). إن رقم خمسة في الكتاب المقدس هو عدد رمزي، الرقم 5 يرمز إلى نعمة الله، إلى الخير والبركة تجاه البشر. إن كتب موسى في العهد القديم كانت خمسة أيضاً. بسبب أهمية هذه المعجزة فهي مذكورة في الأناجيل الأربعة عند مرقس (6: 30-44) و لوقا (9: 10-17) والإنجيلي يوحنا (6: 1-14).

من بعد استشهاد القديس يوحنا المعمدان أخبر يسوع بذلك فأنصرف بالسفينة إلى موضع خلاء منفرداً على شاطئ بحيرة طبرية من الجهة الشمالية. لقد اعتاد الرب يسوع الذهاب إلى موضع خلاء " للصلاة ". يظهر في إنجيل متى أن يسوع انفرد ليصلي قبل وبعد معجزة إشباع الخمسة آلاف (متى 14: 13 و 23). لقد أعطى الرب درساً لتلاميذه في أهمية الصلاة قبل وبعد إتمام أي عمل.

وعندما علمت الجموع بذلك " تبعوه مشاة من المدن ". لقد أحببت الجموع تعاليم يسوع فقصدته عندما علمت بمكانه. لقد اجتمعوا حوله كما يجتمع القطيع حول " الراعي الصالح " ليقودهم في أرض خصبة. لقد قضى الشعب معظم يومه يستمع لكلام يسوع وتعاليمه الخلاصية. مضى النهار " وكان المساء ". لم يشعر الشعب والتلاميذ بمرور الوقت بسبب عذوبة كلام الرب وحلاوة حضوره والموث بجانبيه، " وكان الجميع يتعجبون من كلمات النعمة الخارجة من فمه " (لوقا 4: 22).

يبدأ المقطع الإنجيلي حينما يسوع : " أبصر جمعاً كثيراً فتحنن عليهم وأبرأ مرضاهم ". هو الأب الرحوم الشفوق " أبو الرأفة وإله كل تعزية " (2كور 1: 3). إن هذه الصورة هي صورة مسيانية للرب يسوع إذ أنه حسب أشعيا فإن المسيا المنتظر هو الذي يشفي ويُعزّي شعب الله " أحزاننا حملها وأوجاعنا تحمّلها " (أشعيا 53: 4).

لقد طلب التلاميذ من الرب يسوع قائلين: "المكان قفر والساعة قد فاتت فاصرف الجموع ليذهبوا إلى القرى ويبتاعوا طعاماً". ربما لم يخطر على بالهم أن الرب يسوع سوف يهتم بحاجاتهم الجسدية كما أنه تحنن عليهم وأبرأ مرضاهم. ها هو يظهر حنانه مجدداً ويهتم بحاجاتهم الجسدية ليُشبع جوعهم فيقول للتلاميذ: " أعطوهم أنتم لياكلوا ". فكان جواب التلاميذ: " ما عندنا هنا إلا خمسة أرغفة وسمكتان ". لقد أراد الرب بهذا الطلب أن يسترعي انتباه تلاميذه إلى أن الطعام المتوافر لا يكفي لهذا العدد الكبير فهو كان يُحضّرهم للمعجزة التي كان مُزمعاً أن يحققها. لقد تحنن أولاً على الجمع وأبرأ مرضاهم ثم أشبعهم من الطعام، هو المُهتم بالخلقة وبحاجات الإنسان الروحية والمادية.

لقد أراد بهذا الطلب أن يُريهم صعوبة تحقيق هذا الأمر بالطريقة البشرية ولُيريهم أنه هو ابن الله. لقد أراد الرب يسوع أن يظهر لتلاميذه أمراً: أولاً، أهمية المشاركة ومُساعدة من هم في عوز وحاجة والتي هي هنا في هذه الحالة إطعام الجموع. يقول القديس يوحنا الذهبي الفم: " في هذه المعجزة يسوع كان يعلمهم التواضع، القناعة والإحسان وأن يفكروا ببعضهم البعض وأن يشاركون كل شيء فيما بينهم ". ثانياً، أراد أن يُريهم أن سبب تحقيق هذه المعجزة هو الحاجة والضرورة وليس المجد الباطل.

عندما أدرك التلاميذ صعوبة واستحالة إشباع هذه الجموع من الخمسة أرغفة والسمكتان تدخّل يسوع قائلًا لهم: " هلم بها إليّ إلى هنا ". ثم " أخذ الخمسة الأرغفة والسمكتين ونظر إلى السماء، وبارك وكسر وأعطى الأرغفة لتلاميذه والتلاميذ للجموع ". لقد رأت الكنيسة المقدسة في هذه الأفعال التي صنعها الرب يسوع: "أخذ، نظر، بارك وكسر وأعطى" صورة مُسبقة لسرّ الشكر الإلهي أو "الأفخارستيا".

لقد نظر يسوع إلى السماء كما يقول الذهبي الفم " لكي يُظهر لنا أنه مُرسَل من الله الأب وأنه أيضاً مساوٍ له ". لقد كان هذا الفعل من أجل تعليمنا أن لا نتناول الطعام حتى نعطي الشكر لله الذي أعطانا هذا الطعام. أما القديس كيرلس الأسكندري فيقول: "حتى يُعرّف السيّد بأنه هو الله بالطبيعة، هو كثر ما كان قليلاً، لقد نظر نحو السماء كما لو كان يطلب البركة من العلو. لقد صنع هذا بفعل التدبير الإلهي. من أجلنا لأنه هو نفسه الذي يملأ كل الأشياء ويُباركها هو البركة الحقيقية النازلة من فوق من عند الأب. ولكنه فعل هذا حتى نتعلم منه عندما نُحظّر مائدة الطعام ونُحضّر الخبزات ونستعد لكسر الخبز أن نُحضرها نحو الله بأيدي مرفوعة وننظر إلى السماء مستحضرين عليها البركة التي هي من فوق. لقد كان الرب يسوع البداية، النموذج والطريق".

لقد كان واضحاً أن الجموع قد رأت في هذه المعجزة صورة مسيانية للمسيح، إذ قالوا في إنجيل يوحنا " هذا هو بالحقيقة النبي الآتي إلى العالم " (يوحنا 6: 14). لقد تذكر الشعب العبراني آباؤهم الذين أكلوا المنّ في البرية (خروج 16: 4-16) ورأوا في المسيح صورة المسيا الذي يُطعم شعبه. هذه الحركات الأفخارستية "أخذ - بارك - كسر وأعطى" كرّزها الرب يسوع ذاتها في العشاء الأخير قبل صليبه وآلامه. يقول الإنجيلي متى: "وفيما هم يأكلون أخذ يسوع الخبز وبارك وكسر وأعطى التلاميذ وقال خذوا كلوا هذا هو جسدي، وأخذ الكأس وشكر وأعطاهم قائلاً اشربوا منها كلكم " (متى 26: 26).

لقد أعطى الرب يسوع "الأرغفة لتلاميذه والتلاميذ للجموع". لقد أعطى الأرغفة لتلاميذه علّهم يتذكرون دائماً هذه المعجزة وتبقى في ذاكرتهم ولا تتلاشى من أذهانهم رغم أنهم قد نسوها حالاً. يرى الآباء القديسون في هذا الفعل منح النعمة والسلطة للتلاميذ لخدمة شعب الله. " أن يصيروا خدام المسيح وكلاء أسرار الله ". (1 كورنثوس 4: 1).

لقد أمر الرب يسوع تلاميذه أن يجمعوا ما فضل من الكسر " اثنتي عشرة قفة مملوءة " و يضيف الإنجيلي يوحنا "لكي لا يضيع شيء" (يوحنا 6: 12). بحسب القديس يوحنا الذهبي الفم لقد أراد الرب يسوع من تلاميذه ضبط النفس والقناعة وأن يكونوا وكلاء صالحين وأمينين على الخيرات التي منحنا إياها الرب.

نحن نعيش في مجتمع الاستهلاك حيث هناك تدبير كبير للموارد والخيرات البشرية. لقد أقامنا الله أمانة على الخلقة (لوقا 12: 41-48) لنصونها ونُحسين إدارتها. هذا ما أراد الرب تعليمه لتلاميذه ولنا. نحن مسؤولون أمام الله عن هذه الخيرات وعن توزيعها العادل بين البشر، الهدر وإضاعة الخيرات هو خطيئة أما القناعة والتدبير الحسن وشكر الله على خيراتهِ ونعمه هو فضيلة مسيحية.

لقد وضعت الكنيسة المقدسة صلوات تبريك الطعام وصلاة شكر بعد الأكل لتعليمنا أهمية شكر الله على نعمته وبركاته كما نصلي صلاة الشكر بعد تناول القرايين المقدسة. كما تُقيم الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية خدمة " تبريك الخمس خبزات " في صلاة غروب الأعياد السيديّة وأعياد القديسين والتي هي تذكارات لمعجزة "الخمسة الأرغفة والسمكتان". ونرتل في نهاية الصلاة : " الأغنياء افتقروا وجاعوا، أما الذين يبتغون الرب فلا يعوزهم أي خير".



Here are 5 things from the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000 that can encourage us still today when the problems we're facing seem too big:

Jesus moves with compassion

Jesus performed this miracle on the heels of facing great grief. He had just lost his beloved cousin and friend John the Baptist who had been killed at the order of Herod. Yet Matt. 14:14 says he had compassion on the people who had followed him, he had such great love, even in the midst of facing his own loss. He knew his time on earth was short, he pressed forward to do all that God had called him to do, even when it seemed difficult. And He's still the same today. He knows the pain and struggles we face. He understands. He's never too busy, or too distant to care. He knows the grief we feel today, for He felt it too. His Word says "He is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Ps. 34:18

Jesus is bigger than any problem we face

When his disciples came to him with the problem, he instructed them to "give them something to eat". In other words, he encouraged them to look for a solution, to take their eyes off the pressing problem and put them on the Answer. Jesus is still the Answer, to every problem we face today. In a world filled with darkness and fear, He is the only solution for the troubles that surround. And He sends us out, in His power and His Spirit, He instructs us today to be salt and light, to "give them something," the very Bread of Life, who can make an eternal difference in their souls. This Truth remains, "Greater is He who is in you, than he who is in the world." 1 John 4:4

Jesus asks us to bring Him all we have

He asked the disciples to give him what they had, v.18. The little boy whose very smart mom had packed his lunch that day, gave all he had, 5 loaves and 2 fish. Offered it all up, though it seemed so meager. The disciples must have thought Jesus was crazy to even ask for it. Among 5000+ people, this would hardly feed even one family. But they still obeyed, they still brought it all to him. And this single obedient act ushered the way for Jesus to perform that amazing miracle story still talked about today. This truth remains, obedience paves the way for great things to happen. He desires our hearts to be fully yielded to Him, and great miracles can occur as a result. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matt. 22:37

Jesus can bring blessing and life from what is broken

Jesus, worker of miracles, loving Provider, took what they gave and offered it before God. He gave thanks, blessed it, and broke it. Such powerful words, because if we've walked through broken times, we know that however hard it is at the time, there's also great blessing and power that can come through it. He offers our lives, broken pieces and all, and brings us before the Father. That's the grace and favor that He alone can bring into our lives in the midst of dark places. Fast forward some months, there was another time Jesus gave thanks before the Father and broke bread with his disciples, it was the Last Supper. And it was the very picture of what He was willing to endure on our behalf - the brokenness of the cross, and the blessing and power of the Resurrection. "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Matt. 26:26

Jesus multiplies what we give to Him

And there was enough to feed all, which in reality was probably more like 10,000 - 15,000 people when you count all of the women and children too. It even says they were all "satisfied," full, content. That's a lot of mouths to feed on such a small offering of food. But with God, it was enough, it was more than enough. And surely in our lives, when we feel inadequate or what we have to offer seems so small, through Christ, it is enough. He makes it more than enough. He is able to multiply our efforts, our gifts, our offerings, and bring complete satisfaction to the deepest places of our souls. So interesting to note that there were 12 baskets left over. And there were 12 disciples too, who quite possibly each picked up one of those baskets, and carried it back with amazement and wonder at this miracle He had done. His hope is this, "He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." Eph. 3:20


























Praying today that no matter where we are in life right now, He would take what we offer up to Him, all of our brokenness and pain, all of our loss and short supply, all of our inadequacies and doubt, and that He would breathe His blessing and favor over it, multiplying greatly all that we offer.

Our Lord of miracles is more than Able.

Following Jesus Kids bulletin




Jesus Feeds 5,000 People

Jesus went to a place near the  water. More than **5,000**  people followed Jesus there. They wanted Jesus to teach them. Jesus taught them many things. When it was time to  eat, most of the  did not have  food. The  disciples told Jesus He should send the  to the nearby  villages to buy  bread. Jesus asked the  to see if anyone had . One  boy had **5** loaves of  and **2** small   fish. Jesus told all the  to  sit. He blessed the  and the  and broke it into pieces. The  gave the  and  to the . Because of the miracle Jesus performed as He blessed the  and , there was enough for everyone.



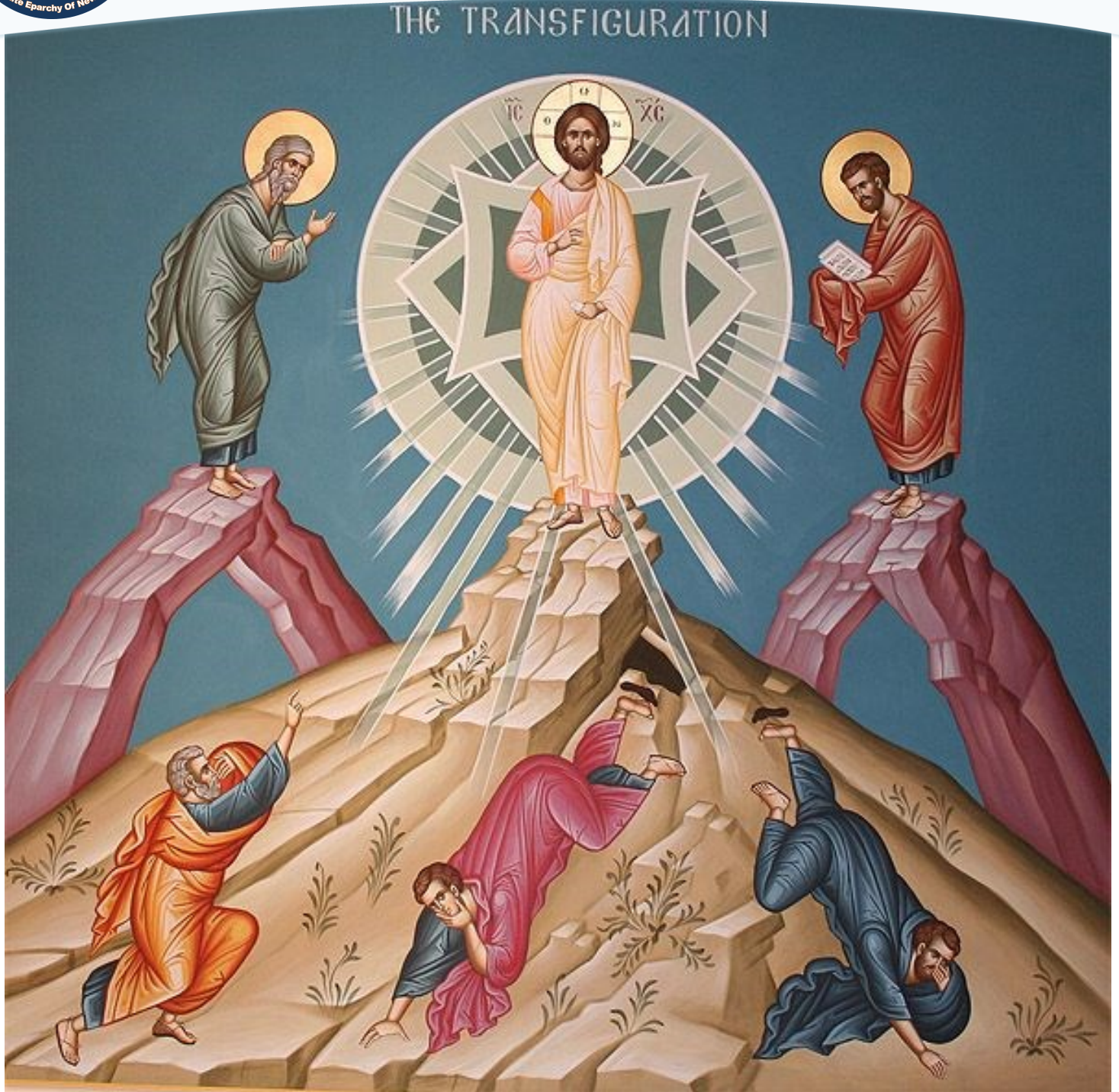
LITURGICAL CALENDAR



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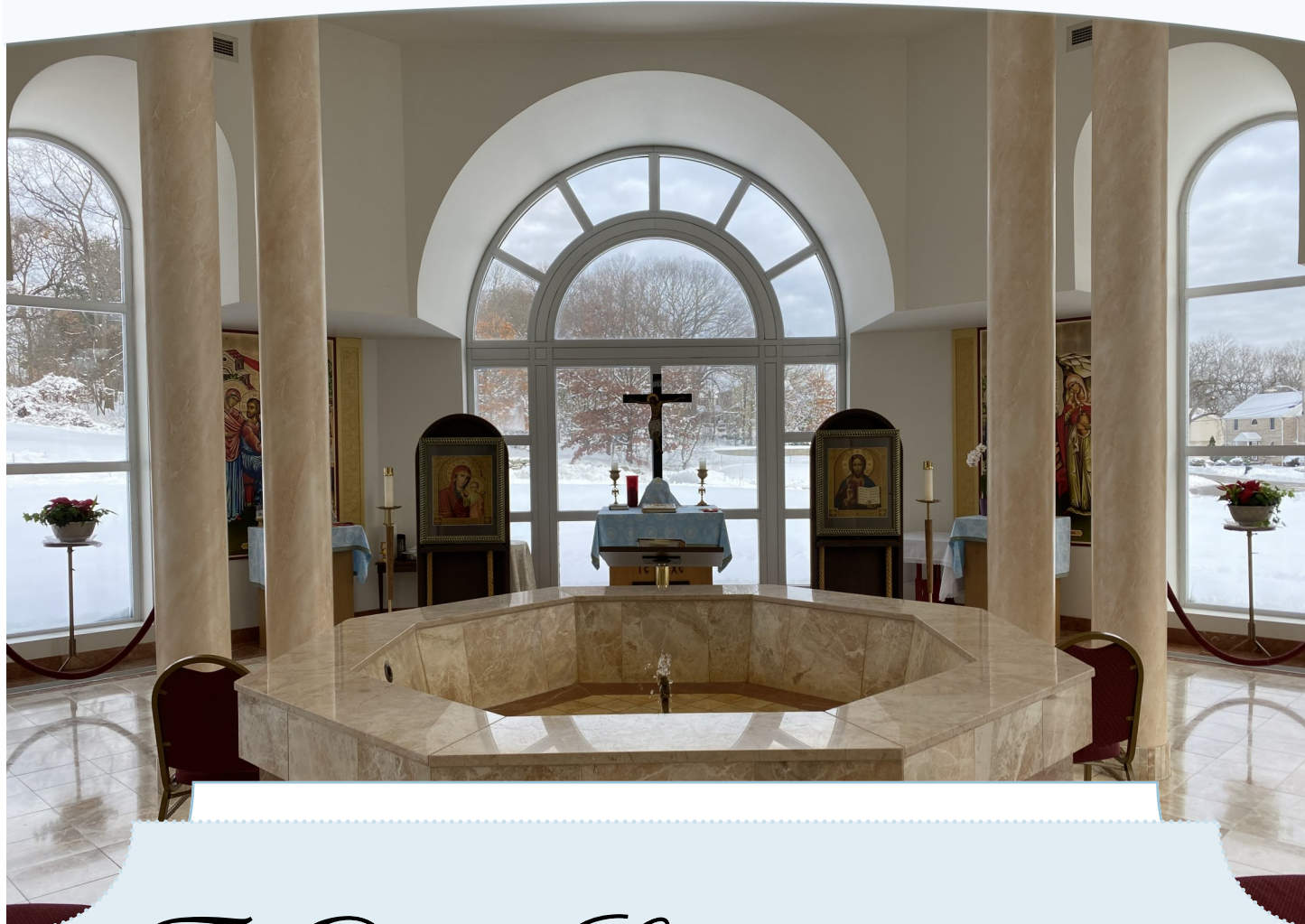


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**The Feast of the Transfiguration
of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**
will be celebrated on August 6th at 5:00 P.M.

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy is celebrated

At St. Elias Chapel

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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.



FOOD FAIR COOKING SCHEDULE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$381,000



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 45%

"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, project started June 2022, awaiting completion



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: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (Carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway)



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: Reviewing needs



Door Upgrades: Awaiting proposals

Important Highlights

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



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