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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday: 5:00 PM

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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

الاحد الثامن بعد العنصرة

Troparion of the Resurrection (7th tone)

You destroyed Death by Your cross. You opened paradise to the thief. You changed the weeping of the myrrhbearers and commanded Your apostles to proclaim that You have risen, O Christ God, granting to the world great mercy.

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 السابع

لاشيت بصليبك الموت، وفتحت للصي الفردوس، وحولت نوح حاملات الطيب الى فرح، وأمرت رسلك أن يكرزوا بمبشرين بأنك قد قمت، أيها المسيح الإله، مانحاً العالم عظيم الرحمة.

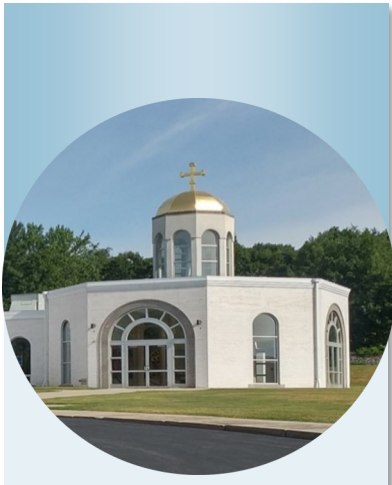
طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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، ابتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

نشيد الختام (القنطاق)

يا نصيرة المسيحيين التي لا تُخزي، ووسيطتهم الدائمة لدى الخالق، لا تعرضي عن أصوات الخطاة الطالبين اليك. بل بما انك صالحة، بادري الى معونتنا، نحن الصارخين اليك بإيمان: هلمي الى الشفاعة، وأسري الى 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 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 بِالسَّلَامِ
قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا ابْنَاءَ اللَّهِ، قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ ابْنَاءَ الْكِبَارِشِ

الرسالة (1 كورنثس 1: 10-17)

يا اخوة، أُحَرِّضُكُمْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، اِنْ تَقُولُوا جَمِيعَكُمْ قَوْلًا وَاحِدًا، وَاِنْ لَا تَكُونُ بَيْنَكُمْ شِقَاقَاتٍ، بَلْ تَكُونُوا مُتَّحِمِينَ بِفِكْرٍ وَاحِدٍ وَرَأْيٍ وَاحِدٍ. فَقَدْ أَخْبَرَنِي عَنْكُمْ يَا اخَوْتِي اَهْلُ كَلُوءَةَ، اَنَّ بَيْنَكُمْ خُصُومَاتٍ. اَعْنَى اَنَّ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْكُمْ يَقُولُ اَنَا لِبُولَسَ، اِنْ اَنَا لِلْأَبْلَسَ، اَوْ اَنَا لِكَيْفَا، اَوْ اَنَا لِلْمَسِيحِ، هَلْ تَجَرَّأَ الْمَسِيحُ؟ اَلْعَلَّ بُولَسَ صُلبَ لِأَجْلِكُمْ؟ اَمْ بِاسْمِ بُولَسَ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ؟ اَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ اَنِّي لَمْ اَعْمِدْ مِنْكُمْ أَحَدًا، سِوَى كَرِسْطُسَ وَغَايُوسَ، لِئَلَّا يَقُولَ أَحَدٌ إِنِّي عَمَدْتُ بِاسْمِي. وَقَدْ عَمَدْتُ اَيْضًا اَهْلَ بَيْتِ إِسْتِفَانَا. وَمَا عَدَا ذَلِكَ لَا اَعْلَمُ هَلْ عَمَدْتُ أَحَدًا غَيْرِهِمْ. لِأَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ لَمْ يُرْسَلْنِي لِأَعْمَدَ بَلْ لِأُبَشِّرَ، لَا بِحِكْمَةِ الْكَلَامِ، لِئَلَّا يُبْظَلَ صَلِيبُ الْمَسِيحِ.

هللوا

صالحُ الاعترافُ للرَّبِّ، والاشادةُ لاسْمِكَ ايها العلي

لِيُخَبِّرَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ بِالْغَدَاةِ، وَفِي اللَّيْلِ بِحَقِّكَ

الانجيل (متى 14: 14-22)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَبْصَرَ يَسُوعُ جَمْعًا كَثِيرًا، فَتَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَبْرَأَ مَرَضَاهُمْ. وَلَمَّا أَقْبَلَ الْمَسَاءَ، دَنَا إِلَيْهِ تَلَامِيذُهُ وَقَالُوا لَهُ: إِنَّ الْمَكَانَ قَفْرٌ، وَالسَّاعَةَ قَدْ فَاتَتْ، فَأَصْرِفِ الْجُمُوعَ لِيَذْهَبُوا إِلَى الْقُرَى وَيَبْتَاعُوا لَهُمْ طَعَامًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: لَا حَاجَةَ لَهُمْ إِلَى الدَّهَابِ، أَعْطُوهُمْ أَنْتُمْ لِيَأْكُلُوا. فَقَالُوا لَهُ: لَيْسَ عِنْدَنَا هَهُنَا إِلَّا خَمْسَةُ أَرْغَفَةٍ وَسَمَكَتَانِ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: إِلَيَّ بِهَا إِلَيَّ هَهُنَا. وَأَمَرَ الْجُمُوعَ أَنْ تَتَكَيَّ عَلَى الْعُشْبِ. ثُمَّ أَخَذَ الْخَمْسَةَ الْاَرْغَفَةَ وَالسَّمَكَتَيْنِ، وَنَظَرَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَبَارَكَ، ثُمَّ كَسَرَ. وَأَعْطَى الْأَرْغَفَةَ لِلتَّلَامِيذِ، وَالتَّلَامِيذُ لِلْجُمُوعِ. فَأَكَلَ جَمِيعُهُمْ وَشَبِعُوا، وَرَفَعُوا مَا فَضَّلَ مِنَ الْكِسْرِ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ فُقَّةً مَمْلُوءَةً. وَكَانَ الْاَكْلُونَ نَحْوَ خَمْسَةِ آلاَفِ رَجُلٍ سِوَى النِّسَاءِ وَالْاَوْلَادِ. وَلِلْوَقْتِ اضْطَرَّ يَسُوعُ تَلَامِيذُهُ أَنْ يَرْكَبُوا السَّفِينَةَ، وَيَسْبِقُوهُ إِلَى الْعِبْرِ حَتَّى يَصْرِفَ الْجُمُوعَ.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, SATURDAY, JULY 22 & SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023: EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TRANSFER OF THE REMAINS OF THE HOLY HIIEROMARTYR PHOCAS; COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY PROPHET EZECHIEL.

5:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **REV. BASIL G. SAMRA** by the community of St. Basil's Church.
- + **AJONI NAHAS** by the community of St. Basil's Church.
- + **FRED RAY MALLICK** by the community of St. Basil's Church.
- + **ROGER CARVALHO (10th Anniv.)** by his wife Mary Carvalho & Family.
- + **WILLIAM T. ASERMELY** by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family (SC),
- + **MARY SACKAL** by M/M Abraham J. Domaney & Family.
- + **BARBARA FAGER** by the Family.

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **MICHAEL TAHHAN (40 Day)** by Bishara & Wafaa Tahhan & Family.
- + **AJONI NAHAS** by the community of St. Basil's Church.
- + **REV. BASIL G. SAMRA** by the community of St. Basil's Church.
- + **FRED RAY MALLICK** by the community of St. Basil's Church.
- + **VIOLETTE (HAGGAR) SAGGAL** by Joseph Saggal, Patrick Saggal, & Pamela Pacheco.
- + **GEORGE SANKY (6th Anniv.)** by his wife Bertha & Children.
- + **JOHN R. ROWEY** by Najib & Seda Hana.

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.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: July 15 & 16, 2023: Budgets: \$2,227.00 (Envelopes: \$2,125.00, Loose: \$102.00); Candles: \$66.00; Stole Offerings: \$250.00; Cemetery: \$45.00; Building Fund: \$395.00.

GENERAL HOME VISITATIONS, SICK CALLS, HOSPITAL VISITS: Father Ephrem has now been here three years and is fully available for 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who is planning an **ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS** is kindly requested to notify a member of the clergy **BEFORE** reception/party plans are made. The Clergy may be already scheduled for something else on the day that you have rented a hall/restaurant. Following this policy will help avoid any later misunderstandings/hurt feelings. Thank you!

GRAPE LEAVES: The Food Fair Committee is appealing to all parishioners and friends to donate sufficient grape leaves to accommodate the needs of this popular cuisine. Anyone willing to donate some leaves can bring them to the kitchen and they will be stored in the freezer. If Christine Durnin or Jane Hanna are not there, arrangements will be made to freeze them.



**Food Fair
Cooking Schedule**

Grapeleaves – Thursday, August 3, 9:00 a.m.
Sfeeha – Thursday, August 24 @ 9:00 a.m.
Sfeeha - Thursday, September 7 @ 9:00 a.m.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL: Saturday and Sunday, August 12th & 13th. Please consider volunteering your services and limiting it to parish members for our protection, safety and security. Many volunteers are needed in all capacities. Please come through and show your support. Kindly see the chairman, Samir Boudjouk, and register your help with him wherever needed.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
receive, seek and you
shall find, knock and it
shall be opened," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos, Your Most
Holy Mother, I knock, I
seek, I ask that my prayer
be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"All that you ask of the
Father in My Name, He
will grant you," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos Your Most Holy
Mother, I humbly and
urgently ask your Father
in your name that my
prayer will be granted.

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.





O Jesus, Who has said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened," through the intercession of the *Theotokos*, Your Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said, "All that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you," through the intercession of the *Theotokos* Your Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask your Father in your name that my prayer will be granted.

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.

SAINT ELIAS, JULY 20: Read St. Luke 4:16-32: St. Elias is the same person as the Hebrew Propheet Elijah; "Elias" is the way the Greek writers of the New Testament wrote the Hebrew name "Elijah". Elijah was one of the great spiritual leaders of the Hebrew people, and both he and his disciple Elisha were held in high regard by the people to whom Jesus preached. In the gospel read at the Liturgy on this day, Jesus makes mention of both these Prophets, for their mission to the people of their day was much like his own to his people.

Elijah was famous for his wisdom and wonderful spiritual knowledge; he did marvelous things through the power of God, healing the sick and helping the poor, and not hesitating to tell even kings wherein lay their duty to God. Elijah was regarded as a fore-runner and prototype of the Messiah, and some the Jews even thought that Jesus was he come back to life. (St. Matthew 16:14). Much of what Elijah did was regarded as a fore-telling of what the Messiah would do when he came, and the things Jesus did were explained in the light of what had gone before.

Elijah is rightly held in reverence for his great moral earnestness, and for the great devotion he had to the one true God, which caused him to fight all his life against evil and error. Elijah lived in Syria about 850 years before Christ was born.

He is known as the Patron and Blessing of the Vehicles and Cars!

JULY 25, FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE HOLY ANNE, the Mother of the Mother of God: Anne, the wife of Joachim and the mother of Mary, is the grandmother according to the flesh of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. Her name means "grace" or the "gracious one", "the loving one".

PRAYER OF THE MONTH: Lord Jesus, your heart was moved with pity for the crowds who followed you. So many of them were poor, sick and had no work. Today you continue to look with pity on the many people who are unemployed. Help them to find work. Help all of us to work for the changes that can lead to a world in which the human dignity of every person is respected. Amen!

REFLECTION: "Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church."





Blessing of Cars on July 22-23

The Church honors the memory of St Elias, *the patron saint for cars and other vehicles* on July 20th.

In Honor of the Feast of St. Elias on July 22-23 Fr. Ephrem will bless vehicles or any mode of transportation

*(cars, motorcycles, skateboards, baby carriages, skates, wagons,
bicycles, tricycles and chariots, etc.)*

Blessed feast of St. Elias to all those carrying his name!

The Byzantine custom is to bless cars at the Feast of Prophet Elijah (Elias) which is July 20 (or near his feast-day). Read about the Life of Prophet Elijah the 3rd and 4th Book of Kings, Wisdom of Sirach 48:1-15, and 1 Maccabees 2:58. He was taken up into Heaven in a fiery chariot! Therefore, we bless our modes of transportation on his feast-day with the hope of safe travels. We will be offering this special blessing to our parish community.

We will celebrate the Feast of Prophet Elijah/Elias and offer prayers and sprinkling of holy water on our modes of transportation.

Bring your car, bicycle, truck, motorcycle, even Big Wheel, etc.!
This is a great opportunity for our youth to experience the blessings that Christ offers in our daily routine, such as traveling. We hope you can all join us!

Following Jesus Kids bulletin



JESUS FEEDS 5000

Help Jesus and his Disciples pass out all the food.



معجزة إشباع الجموع



لقد أراد بهذا الطلب أن يُريهم صعوبة تحقيق هذا الأمر بالطريقة البشرية وليريهم أنه هو ابن الله. لقد أراد الرب يسوع أن يُظهر لتلاميذه أمران: 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 يُفكروا ببعضهم البعض وأن يتشاركوا كل شيء فيما بينهم". ثانياً، أراد أن يُريهم أن سبب تحقيق هذه المعجزة هو الحاجة والضرورة وليس المجد الباطل.

عندما أدرك التلاميذ صعوبة استحالة إشباع هذه الجموع من الخمسة أرغفة والسمكتان تدخل 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 لسر الشكر الإلهي أو "الأفخارستيا".

لقد نظر يسوع إلى السماء كما يقول الذهبي الفم " لكي يُظهر لنا أنه مُرسَل من الله الآب 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 يُعزف السيد 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 الآب. 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 الحقيقة النبي الآتي إلى العالم " (يوحنا 6: 14). لقد تذكر الشعب العبراني آباءهم الذين أكلوا المنّ في البرية (خروج 16: 4-16) ورأوا في المسيح صورة المسيح الذي يطعم شعبه. هذه الحركات الأفخارستية "أخذ - بارك - كسر وأعطى" كرزها الرب يسوع ذاتها في العشاء الأخير قبل صلبه والآمه. يقول الإنجيلي متى: "وفيما هم يأكلون أخذ يسوع الخبز وبارك وكسر وأعطى التلاميذ وقال خذوا كلوا هذا هو جسدي، وأخذ الكأس وشكر وأعطاهم قائلًا اشربوا منها كلكم " (متى 26: 26).

لقد أعطى الرب يسوع "الأرغفة لتلاميذه والتلاميذ للجموع". لقد أعطى الأرغفة لتلاميذه

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 فانصرف 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 انفراد 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 والمكوث بجانبه، " 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 ويعزي شعب الله " أحزاننا حملها وأوجاعنا تحملها " (أشعيا 53: 4).

لقد طلب التلاميذ من الرب يسوع قائلين: "المكان فقر والساعة قد فاتت فاصرف الجموع ليذهبوا إلى القرى ويبتاعوا طعاماً". ربما لم يخطر على بالهم أن الرب يسوع سوف يهتم بجاراتهم الجسدية كما أنه تحنن عليهم وأبرأ مرضاهم. ها هو يظهر حنانه مُجدداً ويهتم بجاراتهم 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 يُحققها. لقد تحنن أولاً على الجمع وأبرأ مرضاهم ثم أشبعهم من الطعام، هو المُهتم بالخلقة وبحاجات الإنسان الروحية والمادية.

Five Loaves, Two Fish, and Jesus



This Sunday's Gospel presents the great sign of the multiplication of the loaves, in the account of John the Evangelist (6:1-15). Jesus is on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and is surrounded by "a multitude", who were attracted by "the signs which he did on those who were diseased" (v. 2). Acting in Him is the merciful power of God, who heals every evil of the body and spirit. But Jesus is not only healer, he is also *teacher*: indeed, *he goes up into the hills* and sits, with the typical attitude of a teacher when he teaches: he goes up to that natural "pulpit" created by his Heavenly Father. At this point Jesus, who fully understands what he is about to do, *puts his disciples to the test*. How can they feed all these people? Philip, one of the Twelve, quickly calculates: by taking up a collection, they might collect 200 denarii at most, which would not be enough to feed 5,000 people.

The disciples reason in "marketing" terms, but Jesus substitutes the logic of *buying* with another logic, the logic of *giving*. It is here that Andrew, one of the Apostles, the brother of Simon Peter, presents a young lad who offers everything he has: five loaves and two fish; but of course, Andrew says, they are nothing for that multitude (cf. v. 9). Jesus actually expecting this. He orders the disciples to make the people sit down, then he *takes* those loaves and those fish, *gives thanks* to the Father and *distributes* them (cf. v. 11). These acts prefigure the Last Supper, which gives the bread of Jesus its truest significance. The bread of God is Jesus Himself. By receiving Him in Communion, we receive his life within us and we become children of the Heavenly Father and brothers among ourselves. By receiving communion we meet Jesus

truly living and risen! Taking part in the Eucharist means entering into the logic of Jesus, the logic of giving freely, of sharing. And as poor as we are, we all have something to give. "To receive Communion" means to draw from Christ the grace which enables us to share with others all we are and all we have.

The crowd is struck by the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves; but the gift Jesus offers is the *fullness of life for a hungry mankind*. Jesus satiates not only material hunger, but the most profound one, the hunger for the meaning of life, the hunger for God. Before the suffering, loneliness, poverty and difficulties of so many people, what can we ourselves do? Complaining doesn't resolve anything, but we can offer the little that we have, like the lad in the Gospel. We surely have a few hours of time, certain talents, some skills.... Who among us doesn't have "five loaves and two fish" of his own? We all have them! If we are willing to place them in the Lord's hands, they will be enough to bring about a little more love, peace, justice and especially joy in the world. How necessary joy is in the world! God is capable of multiplying our small acts of solidarity and allowing us to share in his gift.

May our prayer sustain the common commitment that no one may lack the heavenly Bread which gives eternal life and the basic necessities for a dignified life, and may it affirm the logic of sharing and love. May the Virgin Mary accompany us with her maternal intercession.

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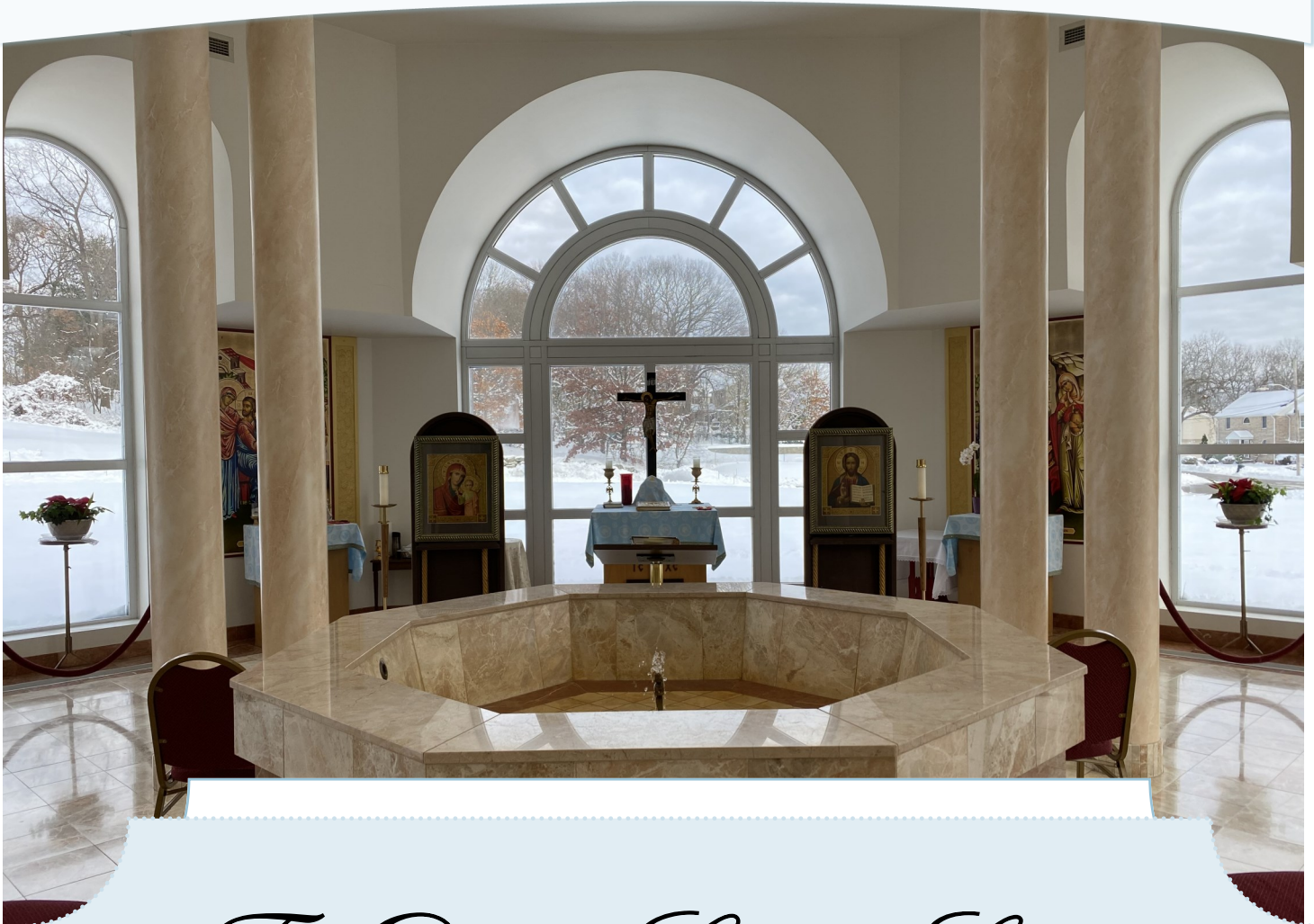


LITURGICAL CALENDAR



JULY	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	2 5 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الخامس بعد العنصرة Romans 10:1-10 Matthew 8:28-9:1	3 St Hyacinth Romans 16:17-24 Matthew 13:10-23	4 St Andrew of Crete 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Matthew 13:24-30	5 St Athanasios of Athos 1 Corinthians 2:9-3:8 Matthew 13:31-36	6 St Sisois the Great 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Matthew 13:36-43	7 St Thomas of Maleum 1 Corinthians 4:5-8 Matthew 13:44-54	8 St Procopios Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 9:18-26
	9 6 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد السادس بعد العنصرة Romans 12:6-14 Matthew 9:1-8	10 The 45 Martyrs of Nicopolis 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11 Matthew 13:54-58	11 St Euphemia 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 7:36-50	12 Sts Proclus and Hilarion 1 Corinthians 7:12-24 Matthew 14:35-15:11	13 Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel 1 Corinthians 7:24-35 Matthew 15:12-21	14 St Joseph the Confessor 1 Corinthians 7:35-8:7 Matthew 15:29-31	15 Sts Cyricos and Julitta Romans 12:1-3 Matthew 10:37-11:1
	16 Fathers of the first 6 Ecumenical Councils آباء المجامع لمسكونية السنة الأولى Titus 3:8-15 Matthew 5:14-19	17 St Marina Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34	18 St Emilian 1 Corinthians 10:5-12 Matthew 16:6-12	19 St Macrina 1 Corinthians 10:12-22 Matthew 16:20-24	20 The prophet Elijah (Elias) النبي إيليا التشبيهي James 5:10-20 Luke 4:22-30	21 Sts Simeon Salos and John 1 Corinthians 11:8-23 Matthew 17:10-18	22 St Mary Magdalene 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 Luke 8:1-13
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Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Divine Liturgy

- **Saturday at 5:00 pm**
- **Sunday at 10:00 am**

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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$340,000



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 51%

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Current & Future Projects:



Church Roof Repair: Project completed, estimated cost of \$400,000...final cost \$321,000.



Rectory Roof Repair: Proposals received, estimated cost \$18,000, pending review.



Church Window Repairs: Proposals received, estimated cost \$9,000, pending review.



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



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), pending review.



Parking Lot Sealing: Project complete at both Rectory & Church...final cost \$14,000.



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning estimated cost \$9,000.



Exterior/Masonry /Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals.



Security Cameras/Door Upgrades: Camera system complete, final cost \$10,500. Door proposal received, pending review.

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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