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

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Please arrange with the pastor

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



ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



9th Sunday after Pentecost Jesus walks on water الاحد التاسع بعد العنصرة يسوع يشي على الماء

Troparion of the Resurrection (8th tone)

O Merciful One, Who came down from on high and endured burial for three days, in order to save us from suffering. O our Life and our Resurrection, glory to you.

Troparion of the Transfiguration (7th tone)

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God showing your disciples as much of your glory as they could hold. Let your eternal light shine also upon us sinners, through the prayer of the Mother of God, O Giver of light, 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 of the Transfiguration (7th tone)

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.

نشيد القيامة باللحن الثامن

انحدرت من العلاءِ أيها التحنن، وقبلتَ الدفنَ ثلاثةً أيام، لكي تعتقنا من الآلام، فيا حياتنا وقيامتنا، با رب المجد لك.

نشيد التجلي باللحن السابع تجلّيتَ أَيُّها المسيحُ الإِله على الجبل. فأظهرتَ المرابع المسيحُ الإِله على الجبل. فأظهرتَ مجدَّك لِتُلاميذِكَ على حَسَب ما استطاعواً. فأضِئ لنا أيضًا نَحْنَ الخطأة بنوركَ الأزليّ، بشفاعة والدّةِ الإله، يا مُعطيَ النُّور المجدُ لك.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

قنداق الختام للتجلى باللحن السابع

تجلَّيتَ أَيُّها المسيحُ الإله على الجبل. وبقدْر ما استطاعَ تلاميذُك شاهدوا مجدَّك لكي يَفهموا، إذا ما رأوك مصلُوبًا أنك ِ تَتألَّمُ باختياركُ. ويَكُرزُوا للعالم أنَّك انتَ حقًّا عضياءُ الأب.



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.co m/myo.html

NAMW: Promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States. https://melkite.org/namw

Epistle 1 Cor 3:9-17

PROKIMENON (Tone 8)

Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all round about him bring gifts to the awesome Lord! Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is his name. READING from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians BRETHREN, we arc God's co-workers, you are God's field, God's building. According to God's grace which has been given to me, as a wise builder, I laid the foundation, and other builds upon it. But let everyone he builds upon it. For other foundation no one that which has been laid, which is Jesus the Christ but if anyone builds upon this foundation with gold, silver, gems, wood, hay, straw — the work of each one shall be made manifest: for the Lord's Day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed in fire; and the work of each man, whoever he be, shall be assayed in fire. If the work any man built on the foundation stands, he shall receive a reward; if someone's work burns down, he shall suffer its loss, yet he himself shall be saved, though only by passing, so to speak, through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple, and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys this temple of God, God will destroy him: for holy is God's temple, and this [holy temple] you are.

ALLELUIA (Tone 8)

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us sing joyfully to God our Savior! Stichon: Let us greet his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Gospel Matthew 14:22-34

At that time Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and cross the sea ahead of him, while he dismissed the crowd. And when he had dismissed the crowd, he went up the mountain alone to pray. And when it was late, he was there alone, but the boat was in the midst of the sea, buffeted by the waves, for the wind was against them. But in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking upon the sea. And the disciples, seeing him walk upon the sea, were greatly alarmed, and exclaimed, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. Then Jesus immediately spoke to them, saying, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid." But Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, order me to come to you over the water." And he said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to come to Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid; and as he began to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And Jesus at once stretched out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind fell. But those who were in the boat came and worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And crossing over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

الاحد التاسع بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

أُنذروا وأَوفوا الربُّ أَلَهنا، كلُّ الذينَ حولَه يأتون بهدايا

اللهُ معروفٌ في يهوذا، وأسمه عظيمٌ في اسرائيل

الرسالة (1 كورنثس 3: 9-17)

يا اخوة، نحن عاملون مع الله، وأنتم حرث الله وبناءُ الله. إِني بحسبِ نعمةِ اللهِ التي أُوتيتُها، كبنًاءٍ حكيم، وضعتُ الأساس، وآخر بيني. فلينظرُ كلُ احدٍ كيف يبني، إِذ لا يستطيعُ احدٌ ان يضع اساساً آخر غير الموضوع، وهو يسوعُ المسيح. فإن كان احدٌ بيني على هذا الاساس، ذهباً او فضَّةً او حجارةً ثمينة، او خشباً او تبناً، فانَّ عملَ كلِّ واحدٍ سيكونُ بيناً، لان يوم الربِ سيُظهِرُه، إِذ يُعلَنُ بالنار. وسَتَمْتَحِنُ النارُ عملَ كلِّ واحدٍ ما هو. فمن بقي عملُه الذي بناه على الاساس، فسينالُ اجراً. ومن احترقَ عملُه الذي بناه على الاساس، فسينالُ اجراً. ومن احترقَ عملُه فسيخسر، الا انه سيُخلِّص، ولكن احترقَ عملُه النار. اما تعلمونَ انكم هيكلُ الله، وان روحَ اللهِ ساكنٌ فيكم؟ من يُفسِدُ هيكلُ الله، وان يُفسِدُهُ الله. لان هيكلَ اللهِ مقدَّسٌ، وهو أنتم

هللوبا

هلمُّوا نبتهجُ بالربِّ، ونهلَل للهِ مخلَصِنا لنبادرُ الى وجهِه بالاعتراف، وبالمزاميرِ نُهَلَلْ له

انجيل الاحد التاسع بعد العنصرة

الانجيل (متى 14: 22 - 34)

في ذلك الزمان، أضطرَّ يسوعُ تلاميذَهُ أَن يركَبوا . السفينة، ويسبقوهُ الى العِبر، حتى يَصرفَ الجُموع. ولما صرفَ الجموعَ، صعِدَ وحدَهُ الى الجبل ليُصلّى. وعندَ المساءِ، كان وحدَه هناك. وكانتِ السفينةُ في وسَطِ البحرِ تكدُّها الامواج، لأنَّ الربحَ كانت مُعاكسة. وفي الهجعةِ الرابعةِ من الليل، أُقبَلَ يسوعُ نحوَهم ماشياً على البحر. فلمَا رآه التلاميذُ ماشياً على البحر، اضطربوا وقالوا: إنه خيالٌ. ومن المخافةِ صرخوا. فللوقتِ كلَّمهم يسوعُ قائلاً: ثِقوا، أنا هو، لا تخافوا. فأجابهُ بطرسُ قائلاً يا رب إنْ كنتَ أنت هو فمُرنى أن آتى اليك على المياه. فقال: هلمَ. فنزلَ بُطرسُ من السفينةِ، ومشى. على المياه آتياً الى يسوع. لكنه لمَا رأَى شدَّةَ الريح خاف. واذ بدأ يَغرقُ، صاح قائلاً: يا ربِّ نجّني. وللوقت مَدَّ يسوعُ يدَهُ وأَمسكه وقالَ له: يا قليلَ الايمانِ لِمَ شكَكت؟ ولمَّا ركبا السفينة، سكَنتِ الريح. فجاء الذين كانوا في السفينة، وسجدُوا له قائلين: بالحقيقة أنتَ ابنُ اللهِ. ولمَّا عَبروا، جاؤوا الى ارض جنّيصارت.





Prayer for the dead



flesh, who have destroyed death, overcome the devil, and given life to the world: grant, O Lord to the souls of your servants, who have departed from this life, that they may rest in a place of light, in a place of happiness, in a place of peace, where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing. And since You are gracious God and Lover of mankind, forgive them every sin they have committed by thought, or word, or deed, for there is not a man who lives and does not sin: You alone are without sin, your righteousness is everlasting, and your word is true.

For You are the Resurrection and the Life, and the Repose of your departed servants, O Christ our God, and we render glory to You, together with your Eternal Father and your Allholy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

TODAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022: NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. OCTAVE OF THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. MARTYR DOMETIUS.

5:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + JOHN KAYATA by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + CATHERINE KANDO by Tom & Sara Soucar.
- + WEEDA NASHAWATY by Pamela Desmarais.
- + MARGARET SABBAGH by Joseph & Yolanda Saggal
- + LOUIS AGAG by Mrs. Delores Agag & Family.
- + DECEASED MEMBERS & LIVING MEMBERS OF THE ALEPPIAN AID SOCIETY & LADIES' AUXILIARY.

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + ROSE & HOUNEIN KHOURY by Micheline Ghanem.
- + **GEORGE & MARY ALTONGY** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + GABRIEL & DORIS ALTONGY by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ) by Ron & Tina Isbitsky & Family.
- + GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL by Michael & Lina Raheb.
- + DECEASED MEMBERS & LIVING MEMBERS OF THE ALEPPIAN AID SOCIETY & LADIES' AUXILIARY.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: July 31, 2022: Budgets: \$1,434.00: Envelopes: \$1,266.00, Loose: \$168.00; Candles: \$72.10; Stole Offerings: \$225.00; Building Fund: \$116.00; Addit'l: Cemetery: \$53.00; Melkite Support: \$242.00.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Before making any **ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS,** please contact the Church in advance. We would rather not have you disappointed if you've already made commitments without checking our schedule first.

<u>GENERAL HOME VISITATIONS, SICK CALLS, HOSPITAL VISITS:</u> Father Ephrem has been fully vaccinated and is now available for these parish services. Just email him at <u>office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com</u> and leave him your message. **PLEASE! NO GRATUITIES!** A cup of coffee or tea is just fine. He looks forward to in-person contact.

Canon Law prohibits accepting stipends or offerings for Liturgies more than one year in advance (rolling calendar) Canon 953. The time within which Liturgies must be celebrated (1 year) begins the day the intention is received. (Canon 955 #2). Formerly under the jurisdiction of the local Latin Ordinaries before the Exarchate was established under the leadership of the late Bishiop Justin Najmy of this Parish, all Melkites have been subject to the latter since its erection in 1966. The Constitution of the Melkite Eparchy which is now a sole Diocese since 1976 still acknowledges this definitive protocol. Our parishes follow local discipline in the various customs e.g everyday clergy attire, stipends (Liturgy Offerings), etc. except in Liturgy and Ritual. Our relationship with the local Latin Dioceses and Latin pastors must be permeated with a spirit of love and friendship and cooperation.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Presently effective, the schedule of offerings in the parishes is now: Liturgies: \$25.00; Funerals: \$300.00; Weddings: \$300.00; Baptisms: \$100.00.

Thus far, all Liturgy Offerings received from Funerals, which exceeded more than one year or even more, have had the maximum and minimum celebrations. Surplus ones have been deposited in the Building Fund, and placed on the altar and remembered collectively, similar to the customs of Spiritual Bouquets, Perpetual Mass Enrollments & Memorial Cards, as in Chapels, Shrines, & Monasteries.

May the memories of our beloved deceased rest in peace & be eternal. Many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these canonical guidelines and restrictions.

SUMMER VACATIONS: While we wish safe, refreshing and enjoyable trips for all, we also bring to your attention that the summer experience here at your Parish results in fewer parishioners at Liturgy and community worship. Something is missing when the whole Parish Family is not here for prayer. The fullness of the community is lacking. The table at Our Lord's Banquet is missing some guests. There is also the reality that the support and donations take a nose- dive while our people are away. We strongly suggest that you consider making sure that your weekly donations will be sent to the Parish while you are away, in some way, no matter what. You may want to research how your bank provides a no cost to you automatic payment. Call them and ask how it is done. Ask anyone in the Church if they are on this plan: there are several who are. Please love your church enough to ensure its meeting of expenses while you are away. Thanks!

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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!

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. Looking forward to seeing you all next weekend.

"To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did."

When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better. Concentrate on this sentence. "The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you." Something good will happen to you today, something that you have been waiting to hear. 'God our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries and illnesses, and please watch over and heal my family in your name. Amen.' Does God come first in your life? If so, stop and Watch what He does. Amen.

TODAY, August 6th & 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.

<u>DORMITION (ASSUMPTION):</u> *Monday, AUGUST* 1st, 2022, the Penitential Season began in preparation for the Feast of the Dormition, Monday, August 15th. We urge all our faithful to join us in preparation and celebration of this Feast by prayer and by observing a self-imposed fast no matter how minimal it may be. **Tuesday, August** 9th, & **Friday, August** 12th, the **OFFICE OF THE PARACLISIS** will be celebrated in the Church at 6:30 p.m.

We wish to take this occasion to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the Aleppian Aid Society & Ladies' Auxiliary for donating the grapes for the solemn feast day of the Transfiguration. May our Divine Lord grant them many blessed years for their generosity, kindness, and thoughtfulness to the Church now and in the past for all of our solemn events.

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. Think cool and stay cool with the high temperatures and humidity this past week.

REFLECTION: "Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks."

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على جبل التجلي...

على جبل طابور أخذ السيد إلمسيح ثلاثة من تلاميذه وتجـلـي أمامهم فقال له الـقـديـس بطـرس جید یارب ان نکون ھےنا { وبعد سـتـة ايـام اخـذ يسـوع بـطـرس ويعقوب ويوحنا اخاه وصعد بهم الـي جبل عال منفردين.وتغيرت هـيـئـتـه قدامهم واضاء وجهه كالشمس وصارت ثيابه بيضاء كالنور، وإذا موسى وايليا قد ظهرا لهم يتكلمان معه} (مت 1:17-3). فما ابـهـج ان يسمو الانسان ويرتفع ويحيا في الحضرَّة الإلهيَّة وَيْعَايِنَ ۖ مَّـجـدُ الـرِبُ ويحيا مذاقة المجد الأتى، ان هـؤلاء التلاميذ يمثلوا الايمان والجهاد والمحبة فنحن لكى نعيش التجلـي لأبد لنا ان نحيا الإيمان العامل بالمحبه على قدر طاقتنا ، كـمـا ان ظهور موسى وايليا يمثلان الحلم والوداعة مع الغيرة والجهاد فنحن يحتاج إلى جـلـم ووداعـة مـوســي النبی لکن لا فی تراخی او کســل بل فَى غَيرة ناريـة وعـمـل روحـي دائم للانطلاق نحو السماء لنحيا أمجاد التجلي. ان الله في مـحـبـتـه يريد ان يجذبنا اليه لنعايين مجده ونسعد بلقياه ونشـهـد لـلاهـوتـه ونحيا مذاقة الملكوت ونحن على الارض لنعبده بالروح والحق ونعد نفوسنا بالتوبه والأيمان والفضيلة للحياة معه والوجود في حضرته كـل



التجلّي اذا هو دخول بالنفس إلى تذوّق الحياة الأخرويّة، لترى مجد ربها والهها قادمًا في ملكوته، معلنًا لها أمجاده بالقدر الذي يمكنها أن تحتمله وهي بعد في الجسد. هذا العمل الألهي الذي تحقّق بطريقة ملموسة على جبل طابور ويتحقّق بصورة أو أخرى دأخل القلب من حين إلى آخر، لكي يجذب الله نقوسنا نحو العُرس الأبدي لكي نشتاق إلى الانطلاق نحو الحياة الإبدية، ومنحنا دفعة روحيّة قويّة تسندنا في حمل الصليب والشهادة للسيّد المسيح.ان الله يدعونا جميعا لمعاينة مجده داخلنا {ولا يقولون هوذا ههنا او هوذا هناك لان ها ملكوت الله داخلكم }(لو 17 : 21).ولكى يحل المسيح بالايمان في قلوبنا يجب نسمو ونتطهر من الخطايا والصغائر ونفتح له القلب بالإيمان وندعوه ليكون مصدر سعادتنا وفرحنا في محبة صادقة وتبعية أمينه وتأمل في صمت في إنجيله فسياتي الينا ولا يبطئ.

التجلّي هو إعلان للملكوت السماوى الممتد فوق كل حدود الزمان، تتذوقه النفس البشريّة التي قبلت أن تكون إيجابيّة وعاملة مع المسيح بحمل الصليب وتبعيتها للمسيح، والدخول معه إلى الموت يوميًا للتمتّع بقوة قيامته. الصليب وتبعيتها للمسيح، والدخول معه إلى الموت يوميًا للتمتّع بقوة قيامته. إنه يمثّل دفعه قويّة يهبها الملك المسيّا لجنوده الروحيّين للجهاد المستمر ضد إلييس وأعماله، ليهب لهم الجنين نحو المكافأة الأبديّة والتمتّع بشركة الأمجاد السماويّة، فالتجلّي الذي تحقّق مرّة في حياة ثلاثة من التلاميذ، صار رصيدًا قدّمه السيّد لحساب الكنيسة كلها، تسحب منه كل يوم فيتزايد. تطلبه فتجده خبرة يوميّة تقويّة، يعيشها المؤمن من خلال المحبة وطاعة الوصية سواء في عبادته الوعماعيّة أو العائليّة أو الشخصيّة، كما يتذوّقها أثناء جهاده او تأمله وصلواته أو في تعامله مع الأتقياء كما مع الأشرار. إنه لقاء مستمر مع ربّنا يسوع المسيح على الدوام، فيه يكشف أمجاده جديدة في كل لحظة من لحظات حياتنا، حتى نلتقي به وجهًا لوجه في مجيئه الأخير.

لقد خاف التلاميذ وسقطوا على وجوههم ولكن السيد المسيح بدد خوفهم وكان هو سلامهم {ولما سمع التلاميذ سقطوا على وجوههم وخافوا جدا.فجاء يسوع ولمسهم وقال قوموا ولا تخافوا.فرفعوا اعينهم ولم يروا احدا الا يسوع وحده} (مت 6:17-8). سقوط التلاميذ على وجوههم وخوفهم يذكرنا بما حدث على جبل سيناء عندما حل الرب بمجده على الجبل { وكان جميع الشعب يرون الرعود والبروق وصوت البوق والجبل يدخن ولما راى الشعب ارتعدوا ووقفوا من بعيد. وقالوا لموسى تكلم انت معنا فنسمع ولا يتكلم معنا الله لئلا نموت. فقال موسى للشعب لا تخافوا لان الله انما جاء لكي يمتحنكم ولكي تكون مخافته امام وجوهكم حتى لا تخطئوا.فوقف الشعب من بعيد واما

موسى فاقترب الى الضباب حيث كان الله} (خر21-18:20).ان سقوط التلاميذ عـلـي وجوهم يُعلن عن عجز البشريـة الالـتـقـاء مع الله، إذ صارت وجـوهـهـم فـي الِـتـراب ساقطة، لا تقدر عـلـى معـاينـة الأمـجـاد السماويّة، وحلول الخوف الشـديـد فيـهـم يُشير إلى فِقدان السلام الحقيقي في البعد عن الله ، لذلك جاءهم يسوع إشــارة إلى نزوله إلينا، ومدّ يده مؤكِّدًا تجسّده. أمَّا لَمسه إيَّاهُم، فهو علامة حلوله في وسطنا کواحد منّا، یقدر اِن یـمـدّ لـنـا یـده فنقبلها. أخِيرًا بسلطان أقامهم ونزع الخوف عنهم. حقًا لقد ظهرت قِصّة سـقـوط الإنسُان وقيامه خلال عُمَل الله الخلاصَي وأضحِة على جبـل الـتجـلُـي. وكـأن سـرّ التجلِّي إنَّما هو سرّ إعلان الله الدائم فينا، بكونه ِابن الله المتجسّد المصلوب والـقـائـم من الأموات، من أجلنا جاء ليقيمنا ونبـتـهـج بعمله فينا. وإذ كانِ الـتـلامـيـذ سـاقـطـيـن منطرحين على الأرض وغير قادرين عـلـى القيام تحدِّثِ معهم بوداعية ولمسهم. فبلمسه إيّاهم انصرف الخوف عنهم

القدّيس يوحنا الذهبي الفم: إذ تحدّث الرب كثيرًا عن المخاطر التي تنتظره وآلامه وموته، وعين موت التلاميذ والتجارب القاسية التي تلحق بهم في الحياة... كما حدثهم عن أمور صالحة كثيرة يترجّونها، من أجلها يخسرون حياتهم لكي يجدوها، وإنه سيأتي في مجد أبيه ويهبنا الجزاء، لهذا أراد أن يُظهر لهم ما سيكون عليه

مجده عند ظهوره، فيروا بأعينهم ويفهموا قدر ما يستطيعون، لهذا أظهر لـهـم ذلــك فـــي الـــحــيــاة الــحــاضــرة بــالــــــجــــي.

القديس مارافرام السرياني: القوم الذين قال عنهم أنهم لا يذوقون الموت حتى يعابنوا صورة مجيئه هم هؤلاء التلاميذ الثلاثة الذين أخذهم معه إلى الجبل، وأعلن لهم طريقة مجيئه في اليوم الأخير في مجد لاهوته وجسد تواضعه.وصعد بهم إلى جبل عال لكي يُظهر لهم أمجاد لاهوته فلا يتعتّروا فيه عندما يرونه في الآلام التي قبلها بإرادته، والتي احتملها بالجسد من أجلنا.

القديس أمبروسيوس: هلم نصعد على الجبل ونتضرّع إلى كلمة الله ليكشف لنا عن ذاته في مجده وجماله. إذ نعاين مجد الله بوجوه مكشوفة نتغير نحن أنفسنا إلى تلك الصورة عينها (2 كو 3: 8) ، لما كان الصوت وُجد يسوع وحده، فعد أن كانوا ثلاثة وُجد يسوع وحده. رأوا في البداية ثلاثة، أما في النهاية فرأوا واحدًا. بالإيمان الكامل يصير الكل واحدًا كما طلب يسوع من الآب: {ليكون فرأوا واحدًا إلى الكامل يصير الكل واحدًا كما طلب يسوع من الآب: {ليكون الجميع واحدًا}(يو 17: 21). ليس موسى وإيليا وحدهما واحدًا في المسيح، وإنما نحن أيضًا واحد في جسد المسيح الواحد (رو 21: 5)... ولعل هذا أيضا يشير إلى أن الناموس (موسى) والأنبياء (إيليا) مصدرهما الكلمة... لأن غاية الناموس هي المسيح للبرّ لكل من يؤمن (رو 10: 4). الناموس هي المسيح للبرّ لكل من يؤمن (رو 10: 4). التعاين نا مجدك يارب . ايها الرب القدير، واهب الأستنارة والحكمة ارفع قلوبنا لتعاين مجدك وارواحنا لتتحد بك وحواسنا لتعاين بهاء عظمتك وافكارنا لتستير بمجد التجلى . حل بالإيمان في قلوبنا لنعاين مذاقة الملكوت من الان لنشهد لكل أحد عن سبب الرجاء الذي فينا ، لتكون انت مصدر فرحنا ونور حياتنا وشمس برنا الدائم .

يارب هبنا ان نسمو عن الصغائر ونرتفع عن الخطايا ويكون قلبنا عليه مرتفعة سامية ومعدة لحضورك فيها، لنشبع لا بولائم ارضية ولا بمتع العالم الزائلة بل بوجودك فى قلوبنا وباتحادنا بالإيمان بك ومعينة اسـراك الخفية ولاهوتك ومجدك السمائي. ليستنير انساننا الداخلى ويستضئ بمعرفتك لنحيا معك وتتمجد بالايمان فينا سواء فى طريق الآلم والجلجثة بحمل الصليب اوبالوجود على جبل التجلى أو بالعيش فى امجاد القيامة. فنصيبنا هو انت فى السـماء ومعـك لا نـريـد شـئ الا ارادتك فـي حـياتـنـا عـلـى الإرض. ايها الرب الهنا، نسألك من أجل كنيستك المتألمة لتعلن مجدك فيها ويراه كل بشر، ونطلب عن كل نفس فيها ليتمجد أسمك القدوس فى حياتنا وباعمالنا بشر، ونطلب عن كل نفس فيها ليتمجد أسمك القدوس فى حياتنا وباعمالنا روحية لتكون نورا للعالم ومصدراً للاشعاع الروحى والفكرى والحضاري فى كل

SHINING LIKE THE SUN

For a moment Christ was revealed to the disciples as what He really was: God incarnate in our human flesh. "We believe that at the transfiguration He manifested not some other sort of light, but only that which was concealed beneath His fleshly exterior. This Light was the Light of the Divine Nature, and as such, it was Uncreated and Divine" (St Gregory Palamas, Homily on the Transfiguration).

This Light was manifested to the disciples in the radiance of His face and garments: "His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light" (Matthew 17:2). As Mark describes it, "His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them" (Mark 9:3). The immaterial divine nature of the Son of God in manifested in the physical sign of a shining face and garments because this was all that the disciples could absorb. As we sing in the troparion of this feast, Christ was "showing Your disciples as much of Your glory as they could behold."

Over succeeding centuries the Church deepened its understanding of the incarnation, but not without disagreement. It took several hundred years and several Ecumenical Councils for the Church to articulate its faith in Christ as the incarnate Word of God. By the fourth century the Church was calling Christ "Light from Light, true God from true God... of one essence with the Father" but it took several more centuries and councils to grasp the implications of that statement.

As iconography developed it settled on one particular form to represent the divine nature of the light perceived by the disciples. The *mandorla* is a design made up of overlapping geometrical shapes which surrounds the image of Christ in icons of the transfiguration. The basic mandorla — an Italian word meaning *almond* — contains three round or oval concentric circles, in shades of blue or gold, representing the Trinity. The innermost circle is of the deepest shade representing the unseen Father. Other geometrical shapes represent the energy of the divine light shining upon the disciples. The mandorla is generally used in icons representing the glorified Christ at His transfiguration and resurrection and when receiving His Mother at her dormition.

WHAT WE ARE MEANT TO BECOME

In the mystery of Christ's transfiguration the Church has caught a glimpse of what those who are in Christ are meant to be: persons who in their humanity can have God dwelling in them, reflecting that presence as light. The Lord Himself tells us that at His second coming "the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matthew 1:43). The custom of depicting saints and angels with haloes derives from this prophetic statement of Christ.

Becoming "righteous" is our task in this life, in preparation for the glory to come. In both the Old and New Testaments we are frequently instructed how we may become righteous. In the New Testament, however, these instructions are phrased in terms of God dwelling in us. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27) is



the One whose presence within us guarantees our righteousness before God. This is the "mystery hidden from eternity" (Colossians 1:26), which the Greek Fathers called theosis, the process of our transformation by the presence of God within us.

This process of theosis begins with our baptism. As we sing so often in our services, "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put Christ" (Galatians 3:27). God dwells within us but requires that we "put on Christ" by the way we live. "We were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). cooperation with God dwelling in us to transform us is called synergy by the Fathers: the life-long task of consciously becoming God-like in our thoughts, words and actions in order to radiate the presence of God within us by baptism.

Despite all our best efforts, none of us – not even the saints – can so unwaveringly combat our passions that we realize our potential on our own. And so Christ has given us an outward sign of His love in the mystery of the Eucharist to which we can return again and again. By sharing in this holy mystery we can reinforce our awareness of His saving presence in us and derive the strength we need for our daily ascent to God.

Through the holy mysteries and our striving to live like Christ we can attain a likeness to God and union with Him so far as possible. We who are not holy by nature can become holy, and become partakers of glory.

LOOKING TO THE LAST DAY

In the Second Epistle of St Peter we read his eye-witness account of the transfiguration (2 Peter 1:16-18). This is what follows: "And so we have this sure prophetic word, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" (v.19). The transfiguration is thus a prophetic anticipation of Christ's glorious second coming when the "morning star" (Christ) will fill us with His light.

The transfiguration, then, symbolizes the life to come and thus the goal of every Christian pursuit. As St Gregory the Theologian expressed it in his Third Oration *On the Son*, the holy transfiguration of Christ initiates us "into the mystery of the future".

O Giver of life, You bent down to the pit without falling into it and raised me up who had fallen. You bore my foul-smelling corruption untouched, and made me sweet-smelling with the myrrh of Your divine nature.

Canon of the Octoechos. Tone 5

ما الغاية من تبريك العنب في عيد التجلي؟



المطر، وصحو الأوقات، سُرّ أن يبلّغها إلى هذه الحالة من النّضج، لكي يكون لنا نحن المتناولين من نتاج الكرمة هذا، مدعاة للسّرور، ولمقرّبيه تقدمةً لغفران الخطايا، بواسطة جسد المسيح ودمه الطّاهرين

ليس هناك وقت محدد فيه أصبح تبريك العنب، وهو تقليد قديم، مرتبطاً بعيد التّجلّي. وقد عُرف هذا العيد أوّلاً في أورشليم في القرن السّابع وأُدرج في الرّزنامة البيزنطيّة في القرن التّاسع، أي في الوقت الذي انفصل تقديم العنب وتبريكه عن الذبيحة الإلهيّة معظم المصادر القديمة تَقرن تبريك العنب بالتّجلّي كتبييكون القدّيس نلوس وتبييكون دير القدّيس سابا. والسّبب ربما هو أنّ التبريك مرتبط بأحوال الطّقس وأوان نضوج الثّمر. فهناك بعض المصادر الّتي تذكر تبريكها في ١٥ أب وأخرى في ١٤ أيلول عيد رفع الصّليب هذا ويُشير تبريك العنب إلى حصاد العالم، وهو عمل ليتورجيّ يُشـدّد على الشّكر الدّائم وتقدمة الإفخارستيّة الماديّة وثمار الأرض لخالق الكون وإلهه

من تعليمنا الأرثوذكسيّ: تقدمة العنب في عيد التجلّي

التلميذ: لماذا يُوزّع العنب في الكنيسة في عيد التجلّي؟

المرشد: أجيبك أوّلاً بالصلاة التي يتلوها الكاهن لتبريك العنب فقد تساعدك: »أيّها الإله مخلّصنا، يا مَن ارتضيت أن يُدعى ابنُك الوحيد ربّنا ومخلّصنا يسوع المسيح كرمة وجعلت ثمرها بنعمة روحك القدّوس أن يكون سببًا لعدم الموت، أنتَ أيّها السيّد بارك ثمر الكرمة هذا وامنح جميع الذين يتناولون منه التقديس ونجاح النفس، بنعمة ابنك الوحيد ومحبّته للبشر الذي أنتَ مُبارك معه ومع روحك الكلّيّ قدسـه الصالح والمحيي الأن وكلّ أوان وإلى دهر الداهرين.

التلميذ: فهمت أنّ يسوع قال: أنا الكرمة .. ولكن ما معنى أن يكون ثمر الكرمة سببًا لعدم الموت؟

المرشد: الإشارة واضحة إلى سرّ الشكر الذي فيه يصير الخمر الذي يأتي من العنب دم يسوع المسيح، لخلاص الذين يتناولون منه وحياتهم الأبديّة أي عدم الموت. يرمز العنب والكرمة في التراث الكنسيّ إلى سرّ الشكر وإلى الكنيسة. ألم يقل يسوع المسيح: «أنا الكرمة الحقيقيّة وأبي الكرّام «(يوحنّا ١٥: ١)؟

التلميذ: سألت أمّي عن سبب توزيع العنب فقالت لأنّه باكورة موسم العنب.

المرشد: هذا صحيح. في شهر آب في بلادنا نكون في أوائل موسم العنب ونحن نأتي به إلى الكنيسة طالبين بركة الربّ على نتاج الأرض وعلى كلّ حياتنا.

التلميذ: إذَا هذا هو السبب؟

المرشد: نعم ولكن هناك بُعد آخر لتبريك العنب في عيد التجلّي، نجد جذوره في العهد القديم، حيث كان أوّل محصول الأرض يُكرّس للربّ دائمًا، مثلاً: »قدّم قايين من أثمار الأرض قربانًا للربّ وقدّم هابيل أيضًا من أبكار غنمه ..«(تكوين ٤: ٣-٤)... ونحن، انطلاقًا من إيماننا بأنّ الربّ يقدّس بحضوره حياتنا كلّها وإنتاج عمل أيدينا نأتي بالعنب إلى الكنيسة في عيد التجلّي، وبالزهور لتُبارَك في عيد الصليب، ونستلمها بركة في حيّاز المسيح ونأتي بالبيض صباح الفصح وبالقمح المسلوق في أعياد أخرى...

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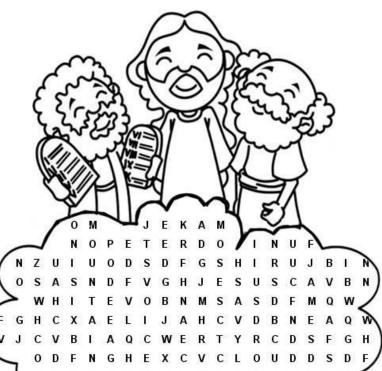




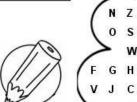
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Find the hidden words

This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!

Catechism of the Catholic

554 From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things... and be killed, and on the third day be raised."Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"



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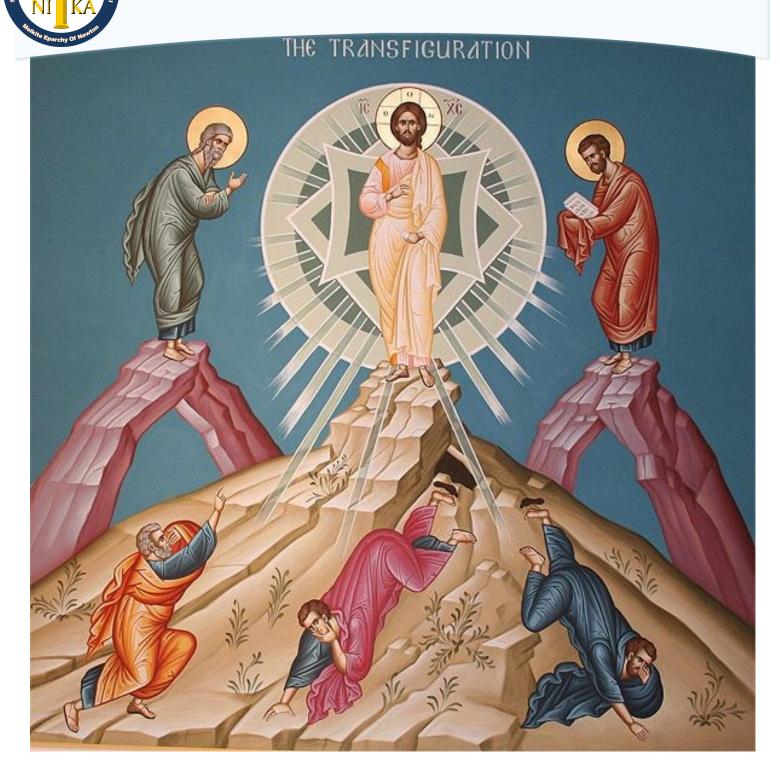
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6 1 7		Procession of the Cross	Relics of Stephen	Sts Isaac, Dalmatos and Faustos	Seven youths of Ephesus	Preparation of the Transfiguration	Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ
		Hebrews 11:33-12:1 Matthew 10:16-22	1 Corinthians 12:12-26 Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2, 13-15	1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5 Matthew 20:1-16	1 Corinthians 14:6-19 Matthew 20:17-28	1 Corinthians 14:26-40 Matthew 21:12-14, 17-20	عيد تجلّي الربّ 2 Peter 1:10-19 Matthew 17:1-9
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
آب – أغسطس 2022	9th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد التاسع بعد العنصرة	St Emilian of Cyrica	St Matthias the Apostle	St Lawrence	St Euplos	Sts Photios and Anicetos	Leave-taking of Transfiguration
JULY 2022	1 Corinthians 3:9-17 Matthew 14:22-34	1 Corinthians 15:12-19 Matthew 21:18-22	1 Corinthians 15:29-38 Matthew 21:23-27	1 Corinthians 16:4-12 Matthew 21:28-32	2 Corinthians 1:1-7 Matthew 21:43-46	2 Corinthians 1:12-20 Matthew 22:23-33	وداع عيد تجلّي الربّ Romans 15:30-33 Matthew 17:24-18:4
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SEPTEMBER 2022	1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 17:14-21	Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28	1 Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5 Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24; 13:22	2 Corinthians 3:4-11 Matthew 23:29-39	2 Corinthians 4:1-12 Matthew 24:13-28	2 Corinthians 4:13-18 Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51	1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Matthew 19:3-12
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	1 Corinthians 9:2-12 Matthew 18:23-35	2 Corinthians 5:10-15 Mark 1:9-15	2 Corinthians 5:15-21 Mark 1:16-22	2 Corinthians 6:11-16 Mark 1:23-28	2 Corinthians 7:1-10 Mark 1:29-35	2 Corinthians 7:10-16 Mark 2:18-22	1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5 Matthew 20:29-34
	28	29	30	31			
	12 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثاني عشر بعد الغصرة	Beheading of St John the Baptist	Sts Alexander, John, and Paul the Latter	Cincture of the Theotokos وضع زنّار والدة الإله			
Clergy Ordination Date: 6/8/2005 Fr. Fayez Assaf	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Matthew 19:16-26	Acts 13:25-33 Mark 6:14-30	2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5 Mark 3:13-19	Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28			
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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.

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Great Paraklesis Service



The Paraklesis is a service where you can bring down the walls you put around you, bring all your stresses, wishes, hopes, failures and anguishes for you, and for whomever you want to pray and offer a supplication to God through an intercession. No person is closer to Him than His mother, the Virgin Theotokos. She looks after us as our spiritual mother.

You are invited to the Great Paraklesis Service celebrated during the Dormition fast August 1-14

At St. Basil the Great
Melkite Greek Catholic Church, RI
on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6:30 P.M.

FOOD FAIR COOKING SCHEDULE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Kibbeh – Tuesday, August 23 @ 10:00

Sfeeha – Tuesday, September 6 @ 10:00 a.m.

Grapeleaves – Wednesday, September 14 @ 10:00 a.m.

FOOD FAIR BAKING SCHEDULE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Kaak – Thursday, September 1 @ 10:00 a.m.

Mamool – Thursday, September 22 @ 10:00 a.m.

Ka'ta – Saturday, October 1, @ 10:00 a.m.

Ba'lawa – Saturday, October 8, @ 10:00 a.m.

Eid El Saydeh Summer Festival

At St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church, RI

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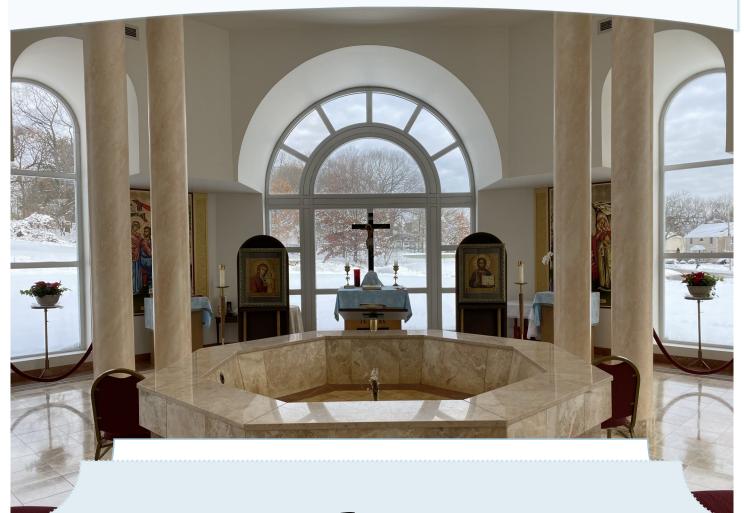
for kids and the whole family

Your support is needed to defray the cost of festival Personnel, Businesses, Memorial banners are available

Every measure will continue to be taken to keep everyone safe from the virus We look forward to you joining us!



Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy is celebrated

At St. Elias Chapel

(St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church)

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

Weekend Divine Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 pm — Sunday: 10:00 am

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

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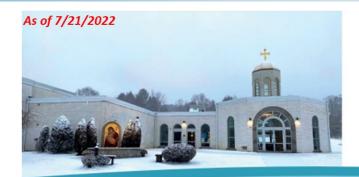
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Campaign Facts:



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



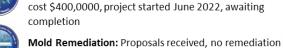
% of Active Families Participation: 45%

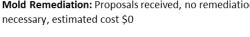
"It's not about how much we give, but how much love we put into giving" -Mother Teresa

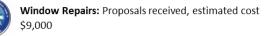
Current & Future Projects:



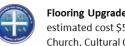
Roof Repair: Contract Signed - March 2022, estimated cost \$400,0000, project started June 2022, awaiting











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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