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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Divine Liturgy

Winter Schedule Begins This week

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Sunday: 11:15 AM

**Pastoral Emergencies
and anointing of the sick**

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Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before and after 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



9th Sunday After the Holy Cross

الاحد التاسع بعد رفع الصليب

Troparion of the Resurrection (8th tone)

You descended from on high O compassionate One; and consented to burial for three days that You might free us from suffering. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, * 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 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin, (Tone 4)

The most pure Temple of the Savior, and the most precious and bright bridal chamber, the Virgin, sacred treasury of the glory of God, openly appears today into the temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the most Holy Spirit. Wherefore the angels of God are singing: "This is the heavenly tabernacle!"

نشيد القيامة باللحن الثامن

انحدرت من العلاء أيها التحنن، وقبلت الدفنَ ثلاثة أيام، لكي تعتنقنا من الآلام، فيا حياتنا وقيامتنا، يا رب المجد لك.

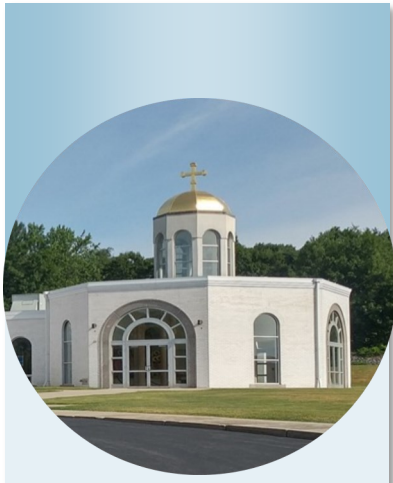
طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاعَ منطلقك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبِلتُ كلامك، الذي به بيّنت العقائدَ بياناً إلهياً، وأوضحت طبيعة الكائنات، ونظّمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الأب البار ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

نشيد الختام (قنداق دخول العذراء الى الهيكل) باللحن الرابع

ان هيكل المخلص الاطهر، البتول الحجلة الوافرة الكرامة، وكتر مجد الله المقدس، تدخل اليوم الى بيت الرب، وتدخل معها نعمة الروح الالهي. فيسبحها ملائكة الله: هذه هي المظلة السماوية.





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: EPH 4:1-7

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROKIMENON (Tone 8) Ps.75: 12, 2

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 Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians

BRETHREN, I the prisoner in the Lord exhort you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling by which you were called, with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, careful to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, even as you were called to a single hope in your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and throughout all, and in all. But to each one of us, grace was given according to the measure of Christ's imparting.

ALLELUIA (Tone 8) Ps.94: 1, 2

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: 9th of Holy Cross, Luke 12: 16-21 (The Rich Fool)

The Lord told this parable: "The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundant crops. And he began to consider, saying, 'What shall I do, for I have no room to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger one, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many good things laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be marry.' But God said to him, 'You fool, this very night, you must give up your life; and the things you have provided, whose will they be?' So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich as regards God." After he had said this, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

الاحد الخامس والعشرون بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

أندزوا وأوفوا الربَّ إلهنا، كلُّ الذين حوله يأتونَ بهدايا
الله معروفٌ في يهوذا واسمه عظيمٌ في اسرائيل

الرسالة (أفسس 4: 8-1)

يا إخوة، أحرّضُكم أنا الأسيرُ في الربِّ، أن تسلكوا بكلِّ تواضعٍ ووداعةٍ وطولِ أناة، كما يحقُّ للدعوة التي دُعيتُم بها، محتملينَ بعضكم بعضاً بمحبة، مجتهدينَ في حفظِ وحدةِ الروحِ برباطِ السلام، ليس إلا جسداً واحداً وروحاً واحداً، كما دُعيتُم إلى رجاءِ دعوتكم الواحد. ليس إلا ربُّ واحد، وإيمانٌ واحد، ومعموديةً واحدة، وإلهٌ واحد، وآبٌ واحد للجميع، هو فوق الجميع وبالجميع وفي جميعكم. على أنَّ النعمة قد أعطيتْ لكلِّ واحدٍ ممَّا على مقدارِ موهبةِ المسيح.

هللوا

هملوا نبتهج بالربِّ، ونهللُ لله مخلصنا

لنبداز إلى وجهه بالاعتراف، وبالزامير نُهللُ له

الإنجيل التاسع بعد الصليب

(لوقا 12: 16-21)

قال الربُّ هذا المثل: أنسانٌ غنيٌّ أخصبت ضيعته. فجعل يُفكرُ في نفسه قائلاً: ماذا افعل؟ فإنه ليس لي موضعٌ أُخزنُ فيه غلالِي. ثم قال: أفعلُ هذا، أهدمُ أهراي، وأبني أوسعَ منها، وأخزنُ هناك جميعَ غلالِي وخيراتي. وأقولُ لنفسي: يا نفس، لك خيراتٌ كثيرةٌ موضوعةٌ لسنينٍ كثيرة، فاستريحي وكلي واشربي وتنعمي. فقال له الله: يا جاهل، في هذه الليلة تُطلبُ منك نفسك، فهذا الذي أعددتُه لمن يكون؟ هكذا من يدخُرُ لنفسه ولا يفتني لأجلِ الله. ولمَّا قال هذا صاح: مَنْ له أذنانِ للسمع فليسمع.

Father, thank you for all of my blessings.
Help me have the wisdom to use them in ways
that honor you, bless others, and bring you joy.
In Jesus' name, I pray.
Amen.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023: NINTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY PROPHET ABDIAS AND OF THE HOLY MARTYR BAR-LAAM.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **GEORGE & ALICE BANNA** by the Family.
- + **GABRIEL & LILY NASSANEY** by the Family.
- + **ALBERT NAHABIT** by the Family.
- + **GEORGE AMEEN (24th Anniv.)** by Judy Wilchynski.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **EMILE ALONAINI (1st Anniv.) of Marrat Saidnaya** by his daughter & Anthony & Fadia Rowey & Family.
- + **MAGEE MARTINEZ** by Tony & Magda Dekki.
- + **YOUSEF GEORGI DEEB** by Sharon & Toussaint.
- + **JOHN R. ROWEY** by Jim & Mary Briden.
- + **M/M NASRY HAKEEM** and all the **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HAKEEM** and **SARHAN FAMILY** by M/M Leon Hakeem.

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: NOVEMBER 12, 2023: Budgets: \$2,921.00 (Envelopes: \$2,805.00, Loose: \$116.00); Candles: \$86.00; Stole Offerings: \$155.00; Building Fund: \$95.00; Cemetery: \$365.00.

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.

CLEANLINESS & HEALTH: Please pick up after yourselves and the children during and following Coffee Hour; insects and rodents are attracted by what we leave throughout and around the interior and exterior of the building; it takes but a few moments to clean up well. Cultural Center, hall, kitchen and bar, should always be free of open food items. Everyone please take note. Hall dining tables, coffee serving areas, stainless steel tables, counters, sinks, stove etc. should be soap washed after every use and before leaving the building. The custodian does not always come in on our desired schedule. We should work together as a team rather than go against the grain. Thank you!

IN GOOD STANDING: For your Pastor to sign letters of recommendation, family and student school related papers, character reference or any civil document for a registered parishioner, one must be in good standing with the church spiritually *and* giving noticeable TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE on a regular and continuing basis to our parish. Did we ever consider that some of us might not be in good standing and may need to change that?

VOCATION VIEW: Paul urges us to wake from the sleep of ignorance and come to the joy of a life centered in God. In the Gospel, we see a man who has not yet been awakened. Priests are constantly calling out "Let us be attentive", "Wisdom", "Let us stand well" in the Liturgy and in their ministry. Unfortunately, we do not have enough priests for our diocese. Please pray that more may answer God's call to serve in our presbyterate.

HOW TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING: Count your blessings instead of your crosses; count your gains instead of your losses. Count your joys instead of your woes; count your friends instead of your foes. Count your smiles instead of your tears; count your courage instead of your fears. Count your full years instead of your lean. Count your kind deeds instead of your mean. Count your health instead of your wealth; count on God instead of yourself!

DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on the eve of this holiday, Wednesday, November 22nd, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. There will be no Divine Liturgy on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. 2023. We encourage and urge you to participate in this community worship.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE CLERGY OF YOUR PARISH!

PRAYER OF THE MONTH: Lord Jesus, your heart was moved with pity for the crowds who followed you. Some of them were poor and had no work. Today you continue to look with pity upon 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!

TODAY, there will be a special collection taken up for your **FUEL OFFERINGS**. Help defray the cost of heating the church and rectory, as prices are escalating rapidly. We must remember that utilities have more than doubled in our new complex compared to our smaller facilities.

REFLECTION: "Plan ahead – it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark".

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.

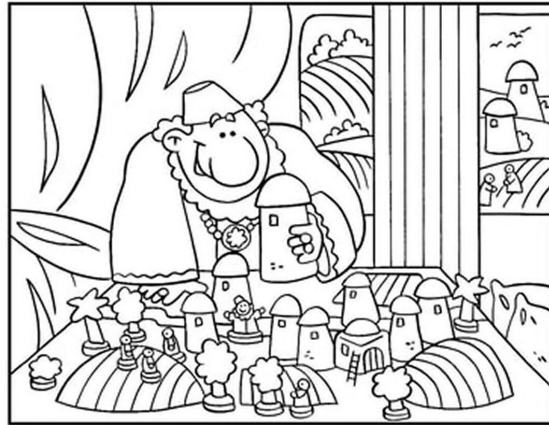
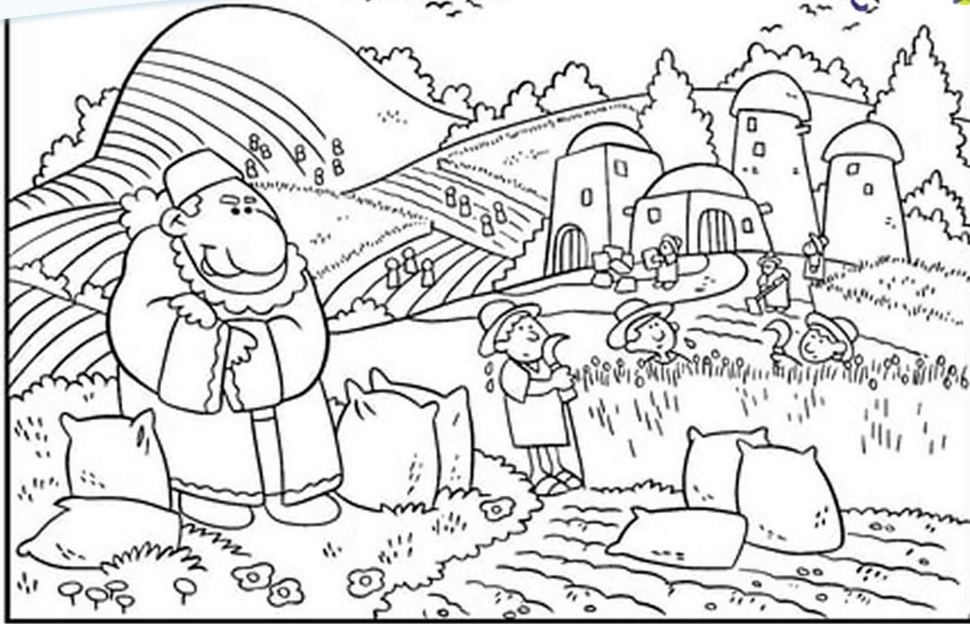
O Jesus, Who has said,
"All that you ask of the
Father in My Name, He
will grant you," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos Your Most Holy
Mother, I humbly and
urgently ask your Father
in your name that my
prayer will be granted.

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.



Following Jesus

Kids bulletin



The Parable
of the
Rich Fool
- colour in and tell
the story



**To save our lives we must lose them. To preserve our lives we must give them up.
To become great we must become small.**



Planted in our hearts are possibilities, good and bad. It is possible for us to become unwholesome people filled with greed, pride, hatred, selfishness, insensitivity, intolerance, judgment, and cruelty. Or we can become people filled with love, peace, tolerance, compassion, joy. It is our decision which seeds take root and grow in us. What shall I nurture in my life? What shall I do with the time and talents that have been given me? The rich man in today's Gospel, though evidently gifted, talented and intelligent chose unwisely.

The rich man transgressed in a number of different ways. Let's examine three of them.

First, he ignored one of life's greatest teachers: death. He seems to have forgotten death entirely. He was so busy worrying about accumulating more wealth that he did not envision an end to his life. He may not have thought of death, but he sure did fear it! The parable ends with God saying to him, "Fool! This night your soul will be required of you, then whose will those things be which you have provided?"

The saints of the Church often teach that we should keep death in our minds daily. People often call think us crazy when we say that, but think about it for a moment. If we remember that we are going to die, it helps us to prioritize what we do with the time we have left. Thinking on our own mortality need not be morbid or depressing; instead it can help us appreciate life even more and live fuller and richer lives. It certainly causes us to think of God and the after-life. The remembrance of death encourages us to nurture good things in ourselves.

Here is a pithy saying, "All of us will surely die, but will any of us ever really live?" In order to really live we must not run from the remembrance of death.

Secondly, the rich man did not care for the poor. He had more than he needed and kept collecting even more, so much that he needed to build bigger barns. He forgot three important truths: every treasure in this life withers and fades, God gives in abundance so that we can share in abundance and, since all human beings are interconnected, the suffering of one equals the suffering of all.

Jesus tells us to "lay up treasures in heaven" that do not fade and can't be stolen away. This we do by nurturing goodness in ourselves and sharing it with others. The truly rich are people who are rich in compassion even though they may have nothing in the bank. If we are well-off it is not for our benefit alone that God has blessed us. It is so that we can share even more with others and lay up treasure in heaven. Attachment to wealth, selfish hoarding during our short lives on this earth will impoverish us during our eternal life in the age to come.

St. Basil the Great has a famous quote for this foolish rich man and for us, "The bread which you do not use is the bread of the hungry, the garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of him who is naked, the shoes that you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot, the money that you keep locked away is the money of the poor, the acts of charity that you do not perform are so many injustices that you commit." Sisters and brothers, we do not own anything. What we have belongs to God and to those who are in need. If we do not share, then we are no better than thieves.

God gives abundantly so that we can share abundantly. To those who give, God gives even more so that they can share even more. That is the truth of it.

Remember this wise saying, "All the happiness there is in the world comes from thinking about others, and all the suffering in the world comes from preoccupation with yourself."

Lastly, the foolish rich man, by not remembering death and by hoarding his wealth and robbing the poor, failed to "lay up riches in heaven where neither rust nor moth destroys, where man cannot break in and steal." Thus, he ignored God whose treasures are eternal. "Seek first the kingdom of God," Jesus taught, but to do that we must stop trying to establish our own kingdoms here. Far from trying to ignore and escape death, Jesus teaches that we must embrace it, "Take up your cross and follow me."

To save our lives we must lose them. To preserve our lives we must give them up. To become great we must become small. All that God teaches is contrary to conventional wisdom. As Christians we are therefore called to be compassionate revolutionaries, to subvert the normal order of things with the radical leaven of the kingdom of heaven.

The foolish rich man ran away from death and discovered himself racing into its arms. He stole from the poor by hoarding his wealth and found himself impoverished in eternity. He ignored God who alone had the power to give him what his heart truly desired - peace, security, eternal life - and ended up empty handed.

While we are able, while the light of day remains, let us learn from the foolish rich man, turn away from our own foolish ways and begin laying up treasures in heaven.

تأمل في المثل



والأمر الثاني هو خدمة الآخرين بمحبة:

إن الله قد منحنا مواهب كثيرة ومتنوعة لكي نُفيد بها أنفسنا ونخدم الآخرين. ومن أهم هذه المواهب؟ ماعدا خيرات الأرض المادية؟ الصحة، والذكاء، والقدرة على العمل. فعلينا أن نستعمل هذه المواهب الطبيعية لا لفائدتنا الشخصية فحسب، بل لموازة الآخرين أيضاً بروح المحبة والتضحية، مُعرضين عن الانطواء الذاتي والأنايية المفرطة، وذلك بتقديم الخدمات المادية والمعنوية التي نستطيع القيام بها للتخفيف عن الذين يعانون آلام الحياة وشداؤها ومتاعبها. بهذه الطريقة تكون حياتنا مزينة بأعمال المحبة المسيحية التي تجعلنا أغنياء في عيني الله تعالى.

التطبيق العملي

لا شك في أن المال، والنجاح في الدروس، والوظيفة المحترمة، والمقام الرفيع في المجتمع خيرات أرضية تستحق التقدير والسعي للحصول عليها بالسبيل المشروعة التي لا تخالف إرادة الله.

ولكن هناك خيرات أسمى منها وأجدى لبلوغ سعادة أوفر، وهي الأعمال الصالحة التي تتمتع بقيمة أبدية جديرة بكل ثناء، والتي تستحق السعي المتواصل للقيام بها.

ومن أهم الأعمال الصالحة التي تحسن في عيني الله الصلاة، وتتميم الواجبات الدينية، والعطف على الفقراء، ومساندة المشاريع الخيرية، وموازة أعمال الكنيسة، وسلوك حياة التقوى والمودة في الأسرة، والعيش مع الآخرين بسلام وتسامح ومحبة.

ولذلك يوجه إلينا يسوع بهذا المثل النصائح الروحية التالية، وهي:

1- أن نكون دوماً مستعدين للوقوف أمام دينونة الله بوجه ناصع ويزن مملوءتين بأعمال البر والخير والكرم، ولا نتشبه بهذا الغني الغبي الذي انطوى على نفسه ولم يتطلع إلى الحياة إلا من زوايا الراحة واللذة والاستنثار بخيرات الأرض.

2- وأن نمارس، في سيرة حياتنا اليومية، فضيلة المحبة العملية، على قدر طاقتنا، في جميع المجالات التي لها علاقة بحاجات البائسين في هذه الدنيا.

3- أن نمتنع عن الاتكال على خيرات الأرض وحدها، مهما كانت وافرة، ونضع إتكالنا على الله لنعمل على تمجيد اسمه تعالى وبلوغ السعادة الأبدية الحقة التي خلقتنا لأجلها على الأرض.

فعلينا أن نكون مسيحيين حكما نصغي إلى نصائح يسوع ونعمل بها دوماً.

إن الفكرة الأساسية الواردة في هذا المثل هي أن المال مهما كثر لا يضمن للإنسان الحياة الطويلة ولا العيش الرغيد. فمن الغباء أن يعتقد الإنسان أن ماله الكثير سيوفر له السعادة الأرضية والحياة المديدة. ذلك لأن الموت يأتيه حتماً، وبعد الموت تتاله الدينونة الرهيبة. فإنه خير له أن يكون غنياً في عيني الله بالأعمال الصالحة من أن يكون غنياً بأموال الأرض وبنطوي على نفسه بالاستسلام إلى مطالب أنانيته التي ترفض خدمة الله والآخرين. وإليكم إيضاح هذه الفكرة.

ارتكب المزارع الغني خطيئة كبيرين

إن المزارع الغني الذي أخصبت أرضه كان غيباً في عيني الله لأنه ارتكب خطيئة كبيرين:

1- فالخطأ الأول هو أنه اطمأن إلى حياة طويلة. إن المال الوافر شدّد قلبه ونزع عن ذهنه فكرة الموت، فاعتقد أنه سيعيش سنوات كثيرة ينعم في أثنائها بالراحة والسعادة المادية. ولم يفتن إلى أن المال، مهما كان وافراً، لا يشفع فيه ولا ينقذه من الموت الذي يأتيه في ساعة لا يتوقعها. ولذلك وصفه الله بأنه إنسان غبي.

2- والخطأ الثاني هو أنه استسلم إلى الأنايية المفرطة. وكان هذا الخطأ الثاني أعظم من الخطأ الأول. فقد قرّر أن يحتفظ لنفسه بكل خيرات أرضه، ليمتّع وحده بالراحة وملذات الحياة، ولم يلق نظرة إلى من يسكن حوله من محتاجين وفقراء.

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يعلّمنا هذا المثل أمرين هامّين

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إن حياتنا قصيرة، وقصيرة جداً مهما طالّت. ونحن نسير نحو القبر كل يوم بخطوات متواصلة، إلى أن يأتي يوم نُدفن في الحفرة، ويغطي أجسادنا تراباً الأرض. وتبدأ بعد هذه الحياة القصيرة حياة أخرى أبدية، سعيدة أم تاعسة، بحسب ما قمنا به، ونحن على الأرض، من أعمال صالحة أو شريرة.

إن هذا الواقع الرهيب يدفعنا إلى أن نكون دوماً مستعدين لاستقبال الموت بسلوك حياة فاضلة، بعيدة عن الخطيئة، ومزينة بأعمال العبادة الحقة وممارسة الفضائل المسيحية من صلاة وتقتف وخدمة الله والكنيسة.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



NOVEMBER	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Sts Cosmas and Damian 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8 Matthew 10:1, 5-8	2 St Akindinos and his companions 1 Thessalonians 2:9-14 Luke 11:47-12:1	3 Sts Acepsimas, Joseph and Aethalas 1 Thessalonians 2:14-20 Luke 12:2-12	4 St Hermias 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Luke 9:1-6
تشرين الثاني – نوفمبر 2023	5 5 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 2:4-10 Luke 16:19-31	6 St Paul the Confessor of Constantinople 1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8 Luke 12:13-15, 22-31	7 St Lazarus 1 Thessalonians 3:8-13 Luke 12:42-48	8 Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel محفل مقدس لرؤساء الملائكة Hebrews 2:2-10 Luke 10:16-21	9 St Matrona 1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:1-10 Luke 13:1-9	10 St Orestes 1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28 Luke 13:31-35	11 St Theodore the Studite 2 Corinthians 11:1-6 Luke 9:37-43
OCTOBER 2023	12 8 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثامن بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 2:14-22 Luke 10:25-37	13 St John Chrysostom Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	14 St Philip the Apostle Acts 8:26-39 John 1:43-51	15 Sts Gourias, Samonas and Habib 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Luke 15:1-10	16 St Matthew the Apostle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:9-13	17 St Gregory of Neo-Caesarea 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 Luke 16:15-18, 17:1-4	18 Holy Martyrs Plato and Romanos Galatians 1:3-10 Luke 9:57-62
DECEMBER 2023	19 9 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد التاسع بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 4:1-7 Luke 12:16-21	20 Preparation of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple 1 Timothy 1:1-7 Luke 17:20-25	21 The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple دخول السيدة إلى الهيكل Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	22 St Onesimos 1 Timothy 1:18-20, 2:8-15 Luke 18:15-17, 26-30	23 St Amphilochios 1 Timothy 3:1-13 Luke 18:31-34	24 St Clement of Rome 1 Timothy 4:4-8, 16 Luke 19:12-28	25 Leave-taking of the Entrance of the Theotokos Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34
	26 13 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثالث عشر بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 5:8-19 Luke 18:18-27	27 St James the Persian 1 Timothy 5:1-10 Luke 19:37-44	28 St Stephen the Latter 1 Timothy 5:11-21 Luke 19:45-48	29 Sts Paramon and Philumenes 1 Timothy 5:22-6:11 Luke 20:1-8	30 St Andrew the Apostle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 1:35-51		

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Divine Liturgy

- Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:15 am

The Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before and after the Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

NEW YEAR – THEOPHANY DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE



Sunday, December 24 – Eve of the Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy. (One Divine Liturgy)

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Festal Divine Liturgy with Youth Pageant.

Monday, December 25 – The Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 31

10:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy. (One Divine Liturgy)

5:00 p.m. Vigil Divine Liturgy **Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord – St Basil's Feast - New Years' Day**
(at St. Elias's Chapel)

Monday, January 1

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy **Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord – St Basil's Feast - New Years' Day**
(at St. Elias's Chapel)

Saturday, January 6 – Feast of the Theophany

6:00 p.m. Festive Vespers Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water.

Sunday, January 7– Solemnity of the Theophany

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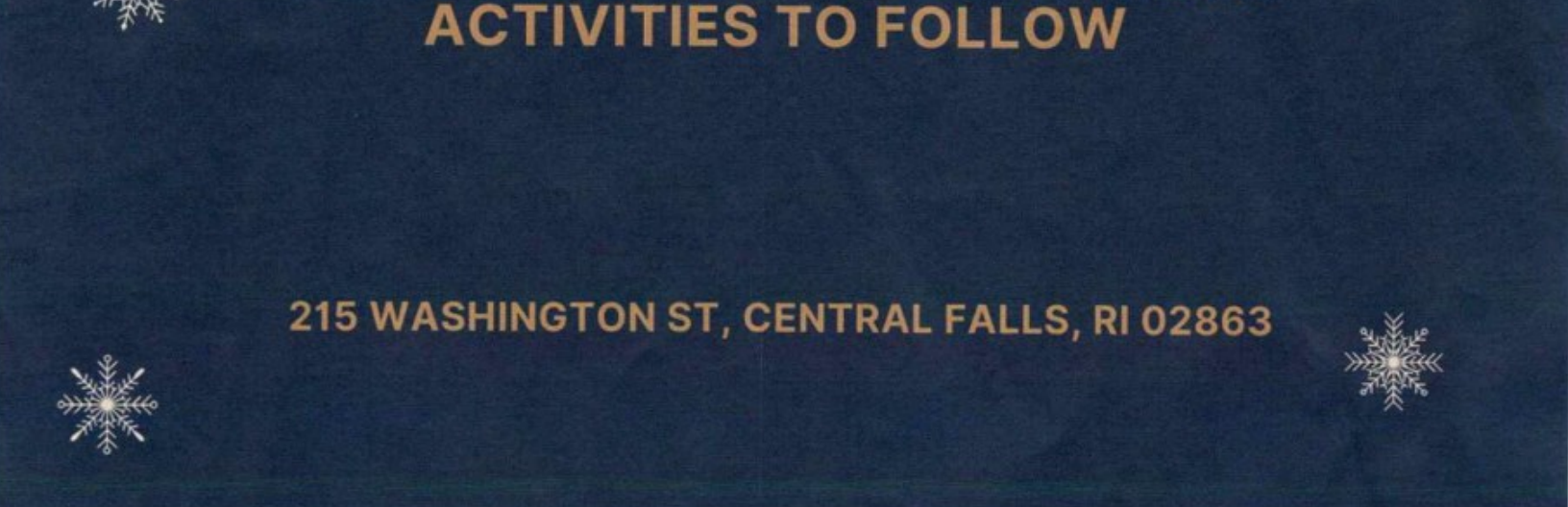
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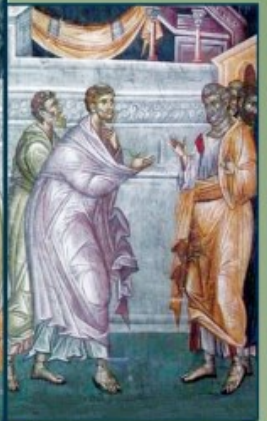
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Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$329,240



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 410



Active Families: 200



% of Active Families Participation: 55%

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Current & Future Projects:



Church Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$321,000.



Rectory Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$18,850.



Church Window Repairs: Project completed, final cost \$9,000. Additional window was found to need repair, awaiting additional estimate.



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000. Boiler does need immediate replacing, awaiting timeframe. HVAC system is okay for now.



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), awaiting samples and timeframe.



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



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & HVAC Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning completed, final cost \$9,020



Exterior/Masonry/Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals. Maintenance to mosaic of The Blessed Mother completed, cost \$8,000.



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



Central Air Conditioning and HVAC improvements to Rectory: Project completed, final cost \$56,665.

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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