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

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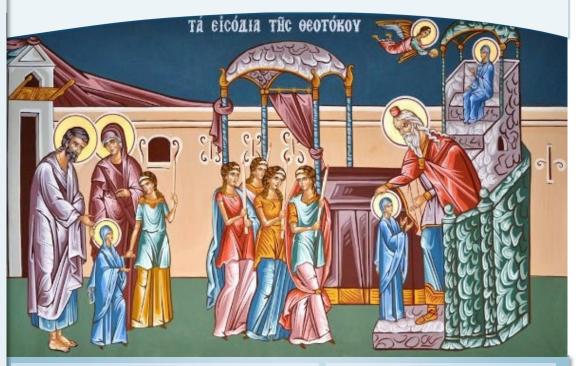
Please arrange with the pastor

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



ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



9th Sunday after the Holy Cross Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the temple الاحد التاسع بعد الصليب عيد دخول سيدتنا والدة الاله الفائقة القداسة الى الهيكل

Antiphon Prayer

O Lord, Lover of mankind, admirable in your Saints and Source of all Holiness, You gave us your divine command: "Be holy for I am Holy". You infused in our heart the Spirit of Holiness and made us your temples. We ask You by your mercies: Make us worthy of your Life-giving Spirit. Enlighten our minds. Enable us to understand your Plan of Salvation, so that we may please You in our deeds all our life. For You are the Source of all Holiness and to You we render glory and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Lifegiving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Troparion of the resurrection (1st tone)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers were watching your sacred body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, O Giver of life, the powers of heaven cried out: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom, glory to your Plan of redemption, O You who alone are the Lover of mankind.

Troparion of the Presentation

Today is the prelude to God's munificence, and the announcement of the salvation of men: in the Temple of God the Virgin is seen openly, foretelling to all the coming of Christ. Wherefore let us cry out to her with all our strength: "Joy to you, Fulfillment of the Creator's Plan!"

صلاه الأنديفونة

أيُّها الربُّ المحبُّ البشر، يا مَن هو عجيبٌ في قديسيه وينبوعُ كلَّ قداسة، يا مَن دعانا بأمره الإلهيّ: كونوا قديسين لأني أنا قدوس، وأفاض في قلوبنا روحَ القداسة، وجعلنا هياكل له، نسألُ مراحمَك أنْ تجعلنا أمناءَ لهذا الروحِ المحيى، وتُنيرَ منا العقولَ لِنُدرِكَ تدبيرَك الخلاصيّ، ونعملَ بحَسب ما يرضيكَ كلَّ أيام حياتنا

لأنك أُنت هو مصدرُ ُ كلَّ قداسة، واليك نرفع المجدَ والشكر والسجود، أيها الآبُ والآبن والروحُ القدس، الآن وكلَّ أوان وإلى دهر الداهرين.

طروبارية القيامة باللحن الاول

إن الحجر ختمه اليهود، وجسدكَ الطاهرَ حرسه الجنود. لكنكَ قمتَ في اليوم الثالث، أيها الخلص، واهباً للعالم الحياة. لذلك قواتُ السماواتِ هتفت اليكَ، يا مُعطيَ الحياة: المجدُ لقيامتكَ أيها المسيح. المجدُ لملكِك. المجدُ لتدبيركَ، يا محبَ البشر وحدك.

طروبارية دخول العذراء الى الهيكل باللحن الرابع

اليومَ فَاتحةُ مسرُةِ الله، ومقدِّمةُ التبشير بخلاصِ البشر. فإن العذراءَ تَظهرُ في هيكلِ اللهِ ببهاء، وتسبقُ وتبشرُ الجميعَ بالمسيح. فلنهتف اليها نحنُ أيضاً بصوتٍ جهير: السلامُ عليكِ ياكمالَ تدبيرِ الخالق



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.

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



Kondakion of the Presentation (4th Tone)

The most pure Temple of the Savior, his most precious bridal chamber, the Virgin, sacred treasury of God's glory, enters today into the house of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the divine Spirit. Wherefore the angels of God are singing: "Behold the heavenly tabernacle!"

Epistle of the Feast: Hebrews 9: 1-7, Prokimenon

My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Stichon: Because he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaid, for behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews:

Brethren, the first tabernacle also had ritual ordinances and a sanctuary, though an earthly one. For there was set up a tabernacle in the outer part of which were the lamp-stand and the table and the showbread, and this is called the Holy Place.

But beyond the second veil was the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, having a golden censer and the Ark of the Covenant, overlaid on every side with gold. In the ark was a golden vessel containing the manna, and the rod of Aaron which had budded, and the tablets of the covenant and above it were the Cherubim of glory, overshadowing the mercy-seat. But of all these we cannot now speak in detail.

Such then being the arrangements, the priests always used to enter into the first tabernacle to perform the sacred rites; but into the second tabernacle, the high priest alone entered once a year, not without blood, which he offered for his own and the people's sins of ignorance.

Alleluia

Listen, daughter, and behold and lend your ear, and forget your people and your father's house.

Stichon: The rich among the people shall seek your favor.

Gospel of the Feast: Luke 10: 38-42 & 11: 27-28 (Martha & Mary) At that time Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha welcomed him to her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also seated herself at the Lord's feet, and listened to his word. But Martha was worried about much serving. And she came up and said, "Lord, is it no concern of yours that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her therefore to help me." But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; and yet only one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the best part, and it will not be taken away from her." As he was saying these things, a certain woman lifted up her voice from the crowd, and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that nursed you!" But he said, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

Hymn to the Theotokos: Hirmos of the 9th Ode of the Feast

The angels were stunned as they beheld the most pure one coming in, and they said: "O wonder! The Virgin enters into the Holy of Holies!"

O Mother of God, you are the precious Ark of God: no profane hand may touch you. But the lips of the faithful will never cease to sing your praise, repeating with joy the angel's words: "O pure Virgin, you are indeed raised above all creatures!"

نشيد الختام (قنداق دخول العذراء الى الهيكل)

ان هيكل المخلص الاطهر، البتولَ الحجلةَ الوافرةَ الكرامة، وكنزَ مجدِ اللهِ المقدس، تدخلُ اليومَ الى بيتِ الربّ، وتُدخِل معها نعمةَ الروح ِ الالهي. فيُسبحُها ملائكةُ الله: هذه هي المظلةُ السماوية.

مقدمة الرسالة

تعظم نفسي الربّ، فقد ابتهج رُوحي بالله مُخلصي لأنه نظرّ الى ضعةِ امتِه. فها منذُ الآن تغبطني جميعُ الأجيال

الرسالة (عبرانيين 9: 1-7)

يا اخوة، ان المسكنَ الاول كانت له فرائضُ العبادةِ والقدسِ العالميّ. لأنه نُصبَ المسكنُ الأَولُ الذي يقال له القدس. وكانت فيه المنارةُ والمائدةُ وخبرُ التقدمة. وكان وراءَ الحجابِ الثاني المسكنُ الذي يقالُ له قدسُ الاقداس، وفيه مُستوقدُ البخورِ من الذهب، وتابوتُ العهدِ المغشى. بالذهبِ من كلِ جهة، وفيه قِسطٌ من الذهب، فيه المنُ وعصا هرونَ التي أُورقت، ولوحا العهد. ومن فوقه كروبا المجدِ المظلانِ الغِطاء. وليس هنا مقامُ الترتيب، فالكهنةُ يدخلونَ الى المسكنِ الاولى كلَّ حينِ الترتيب، فالكهنةُ يدخلونَ الى المسكنِ الاولى كلَّ حينِ فينمُونَ الخِدَم. وأما الثاني، فإنما يدخلهُ رئيسُ الكهنة وحدهُ مرة في السنة، ولا يدخلُ إلا بالدمِ الذي يقربهُ من نفسهِ وعن جهالات ِ الشعب.

فللوبا

اسمعي يا بنتُ وانظري وأميلي أذنكِ، وأنسي. شعبكِ وبيتَ ابيكِ

بنتُ صورَ وأغنياءُ الشعب يستعطفونَ وجهَكِ بالهدايا.

الانجيل (لوقا 10: 38-42 و11: 27-28)

في ذلك الزمان، دخَلَ يسوعُ قرية، فقبلته امرأةٌ اسمُها مرتا في بيتها. وكانت لهذه اختُ تُسمَّى مريم. وكانت جالسةً عند قدمي يسوع تسمعُ كلامَه. وكانت مرتا مرتبكةً في خدمةٍ كثيرة، فوقفت وقالت: يا ربّ أما يُهمُك أنَّ اختي قد تركتني اخدمُ وحدي؟ فقُل لها لتساعدني. فأجاب يسوعُ وقال لها: مرتا مرتا، انكِ مهتمَةٌ ومضطربةٌ في امورٍ كثيرة، وانما الحاجةُ الى واحد. أمَّا مريمُ فقد اختارت النصيبَ الصالحَ الذي لا يُنزعُ منها. وفيما هو يتكلمُ بهذا، رفعت امرأةٌ من الجمع صوتَها وقالت له: طوبي للبطن الذي حملك، وللتَديّنِ اللذين رضعتَهما. فقال: بل طوبي للذين يسمعونَ كلمة اللهِ ويحفظونَها.

النشيد لوالدة الاله باللحن الرابع

ان الملائكة لما شاهدوا دخولَ الكليةِ النقاوةِ دهشوا كيفَ دخلتِ البتولُ إلى قَدْس الاقداس

يا والدة الاله، بما أنكِ تابوتٌ نفيسٌ لله، فلا تلمسُكِ يدٌ مدنسةٌ. أما شفاه المؤمنينَ فتمدحك بغير فتورٍ. هاتفةً نحوكِ بصوتِ الملاكِ بابتهاج: أيتها البتولُ النقية، إنكِ بالحقيقة أسمى رفعةً من جميع المخلوقات.



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 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.



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Divine Liturgy Intentions

TODAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021: FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE. OR PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + LILLIAN NASSANEY (40 Day) by her husband Zaky, children and grandchildren.
- + REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE by Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family.
- + FREDERICK KOUSSA by Mrs. Alberta Mardo.
- + LOUIS P. TAGER, SR. (Birthday Remem.) by daughter Barbara, Doug, & Family.
- + CLIFFORD VILLENEUVE & ROBERT VILLENEUVE by wife & mother Shirley Villeneuve & Family.
- + WILLIAM T. ASERMELY (Birthday Remem.) by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family (SC).
- + MARY TAHAN by Norman & Diane Kishfy.
- VICTORIA PROCHNIAK by Samir & Dolly Chouha.
- + MARY (DEMTY) KOUSSA by Sandra Longtin & Jessica Dower.
- + YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA by Aleppian Aid Society & Ladies' Auxiliary.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- PETER MASHATA (8th Anniv.) by Eugenie Mashata & Family.
- + NAEEM, MARY, ANTOINETTE & ANTOINE SANKY by Eugenie Mashata & Family.
- + LOUIS P. KISHFY by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + JEANNETTE BEATON by Mrs. Kawsar Boudjouk.
- + MARGARET SABBAGH by Mrs. Alberta Mardo.
- + MARIE ROSE KAROUSHAN (Damascus, Syria) by Dr. Nabil & Nancy Toubia.
- + ALICE & GEORGE KILSEY by Sally Gravino & Family.
- + MARY & THOMAS TRAVERS by Sally Gravino & Family.
- + AGNES (PETERS) HAYEK & DR. GEORGE B. HAYEK, JR. by Sally Gravino & Family.
- + AMEENA & JOSEPH BAKMAZ by Sally Gravino & Family.
- + MARY & BAYDOH TAHAN by Sally Gravino & Family.
- + GEORGE MOUSSALLY by Sally Gravino & Family.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: November 14, 2021: Budgets: \$1,815.00: Envelopes: \$1,798.00, Loose: \$17.00; Stipends: \$200.00; Candles: \$77.00; Cemetery: \$518.00; Building Fund: \$965.00; Home Serve

Reimbursement: \$77.88. Addit'l Fuel: \$20.00.

Please be advised that the weekly bulletin has not been printed due to the COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, but presently, information is available online, church Facebook page and on YouTube.

TODAY, NOVEMBER 21st, there will be a special collection taken up for your **FUNERAL OFFERINGS.** Help defray the cost of heating the Church and rectory, as prices are escalating rapidly. We must remember that utilities are more than doubled in our new complex. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28^{th,} there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT.** Please help subsidize our monthly payment of \$1,645.00 for the operation of our Diocese, which amounts to \$19,740 per year. Please give generously.

FATHER DANIEL NASSANEY UPDATE: Your prayers are precious. Thank you for all your love and concern. The leg is slowly healing. The wound is closing nicely, but it is still, I guess, a good month or 2 away from closure. Tomorrow, I shall be getting hearing aids. Age catches up with all of us. Saturday, September 11th, 2021, will have the 20th SHAWN NASSANEY MEMORIAL RACE at Bryant. I hope to get a ride there. It will be a quick visit but my first trip since arriving back for treatment. GOD BLESS! - **Fr. Dan.**

<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. every day clergy attire, stipends (Liturgy Offerings), etc. except in Liturgy and Ritual. Our relationship with the local Latin Dioceses and Latin pastors must be permeated with a spirit of love and friendship and cooperation.

Presently effective, the schedule of offerings in parishes is now: Liturgies: \$25.00; Funerals: \$300.00; Weddings: \$300.00; Baptisms: \$100.00.

All Liturgy offerings received from Funerals, which exceed more than one year, have had the maximum and minimum celebrations. Surplus ones have been deposited in the Building Fund and placed on the altar and remembered similarly 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 guidelines and restrictions.

O Jesus, Who has said,
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<u>CHANGE OF ADDRESS:</u> All the faithful who have recently changed their address or who are planning to do so, please remember to inform the church office at (401) 722-1345. Please also be sure to update new telephone numbers because **there** is a cost that the Church has to absorb which adds up slowly but surely.

<u>BLESS GOD WITH THE GIFTS WITH WHICH HE HAS BLESSED YOU!</u> Those parishioners, who are not worshipping here each week or do not support their Parish on a regular and consistent basis, are really hurting their Parish physically, spiritually, socially, and financially.

PARISHIONERS who miss Sunday attendance at Liturgy for several weeks are missed and unfortunately hurt themselves and the parish on many levels. Welcome Back to our parishioners who have been away. Your parish hopes that you will remember your responsibilities.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE IN PROGRESS: All youth of our Parish, whether they attend Catholic/ Christian Schools or not, should register and attend our Church School on a weekly basis. Parents will be doing a great disservice to their children and to the Melkite Church if they do not cooperate with us in trying to teach the beliefs, traditions and spirituality of our Eastern Church to their children. We should be asking ourselves if this is part of the reason that we may lose our youth later on.

MEMORIAM: It is with the deepest sadness that we announce to you the passing into eternal life of the servant of God, STEVEN R. KANAKRY on Sunday, November 14, 2021. He is the son of Michael & Joanne (Noury) Kanakry. Besides his parents, he is survived by his brother Michael Kanakry, and his sister Diane Zech, his nieces and nephew. Visiting hours, Monday, November 22, 2021, from 4-7 p.m. in St. Basil's Church, and Funeral Services on Tuesday, November 23rd at 10 a.m. in St. Basil's Church. Interment will follow at St. Basil's Cemetery, Cumberland.

On behalf of the clergy of St.Basil's Community, relatives, and friends, we offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his parents, brother & sister, nieces and nephew, relatives and friends, and assure them of our prayers that the Lord will establish his soul where the just repose. May he rest in peace and his memory be eternal1

<u>HOW TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING:</u> 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!

The regular **WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY** will be celebrated November 25th at 9:00 a.m. We encourage and urge you to participate in this Community Worship.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE CLERGY OF YOUR PARISH!

<u>REFLECTION: "Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today, I am wise, so I am changing myself." - Rumi</u>

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THE ENTRANCE OF THE VIRGIN MARY INTO THE TEMPLE



We magnify you, 0 most holy Virgin, a chosen Maiden of God, and we honor your entrance into the temple of the Lord. " – From Matins, According to the venerable tradition of the Byzantine Rite Church, which was confirmed by St. John Damascene (+ 749), the Blessed Virgin Mary as a child was brought by her parents, SS. Joachim and Anne, to the temple as an offering to God, and she "grew up in the house of God, nourished by the Holy Spirit ... Thus she sought holiness and was shown to be a holy and wondrous temple worthy of the Most High."

According to the story, Joachim was even publicly reproached for being rejected by God. After forty days of prayer and fasting, we are told, an Angel of the Lord appeared to Anne and said: "The Lord has heard your prayer. You shall conceive and bear a child, and your seed will be spoken of in the entire world." In her great joy Anne promised: "As the Lord my God lives if I will beget a child, I will offer it as a gift to the Lord and it shall serve Him in the holy place for all the days of its life." Then, on the following day both, Joachim and Anne, hurried to the temple and offered a sacrifice of thanksgiving, saying: "Now we know that the Lord our God has been gracious to us and has forgiven us all our sins."

When the child was three years old her parents, in fulfillment of their promise, brought Mary in a procession of maidens into the temple, offering her to the service of God. They placed her under the tender care of priest Zechariah, the father of St. John the Bapti st, who was their relative, as described by one of Vespers stichera, saying:" Receive, O Zechariah, the one whom the prophets of God have foretold in the Spirit, and escort her into the holy temple, that she may be brought up in holiness and become the divine throne of the Almighty." We are told that Zechariah joyfully received little Mary under his protection, saying: "Hear, 0 daughter, and see, turn your ear to me; forget your people and your father's house, for the King has desired your beauty. He is your Lord, and you must worship Him!" (Psalm 45: 11-12) Thus the prophecy of David, foretelling Mary's entrance into the temple and her consecration of God, was fulfilled. From that time on the Blessed Virgin remained in the temple serving God until the time she was betrothed to St. Joseph. The feast of the Entrance is one of the twelve Major Feastdays in our Byzantine Rite. Its origin can be traced to the end of the seventh century. The festivity originated in Jerusalem, from where at the beginning of the eighth century it eventually reached Constantinople, as the homilies of Patriarch St. Germanus of Constantinople (+730) seem to indicate. From the same period of time we also have homilies of St. Andrew of Crete (+ 740) that attest to this.

Being celebrated at the time of Advent, the feast is also considered as a

preparation for the Nativity of our Lord. For this reason, at the Matins of the feast, we already begin to sing the Canon of Christmas, starting with the words: "Christ is born, glorify Him ... " Then the Canon of the feast is concluded with the ninth heirmos of Christmas, already envisioning the birth of Christ: "I contemplate a strange and most wonderful mystery. The cave has become heaven, the Virgin – the throne of the Cherubim, The manger – a place, wherein lies Christ, the incomprehensible God.

Let us magnify Him and praise Him forever!" For this reason, on the feast of the Entrance of the Blessed Virgin Mary into the Temple the young people in the Old Country began practicing Christmas carols, in preparation for carolling at Christmas time. As we can see, all the customs of our people have some deep religious significance behind them.

Unfortunately, today we have fewer and fewer young people offering themselves to the service of God in the holy priesthood or religious life. Neither are there many willing parents among our people who are ready to say to God with St. Anne: "Lord, I offer to Your service my child, since it is Your gift to me!" On the contrary, there are many parents that oppose the divine vocation of their children. No wonder that there is a great shortage of priests and religious in our eparchies.

We must remember that priestly and religious vocations are nurtured and mature in good Christian families. A good Christian home is the cradle of a vocation, that it to say, it is the first spiritual seminary. We are told that the greater part of priestly and religious vocations bud in the innocent hearts of children between the ages of six and fourteen, the time when the child is still under the strong influence of its parents. That is why the parents must be convinced that their child is a precious gift of God to them and that by offering their child to the service of God is the "better part" (Lk. 10:42) they choose for their children.

Let the feast of the Entrance of the Blessed Virgin Mary into the Temple become for us a special day of an earnest prayer for priestly and religious vocations from among our youth. Let us also pray for parents that they, following the inspiring example of 55. Joachim and Anne, would gladly offer their children to the service of God when they are called. Let us most of all pray for our young people that they, following the noble example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, would gratefully follow the voice of their divine calling and willingly offer themselves to the service of God. Let us make this Feast of the Entrance, a solemn and prayerful Day of Vocations.

دخول السيدة إلى الهيكل



تعيد الكنيسة الارثوذكسية المقدسة في الحادي والعشرين من تشرين الثاني من كل سنة لتذكار والتذكر دخول سيدتنا مريم العذراء إلى الهيكل . فقد كان والداها يواكيم وحنة بارين امام الله . لذلك لما اكملت الثالثة من عمرها قدمها ابواها إلى الهيكل وفاء لنذرهما لتخدم الرب في الهيكل وتتربى فيه . وكان رئيس الكهنة حسب الناموس يقبل المنذورين للرب ويباركهم في الهيكل . ان مريم قدمت إلى قدس الاقداس أي إلى الموضع الذي لم يكن لاحد الحق بالدخول إليه إلا رئيس الكهنة وذلك مرة واحدة في السنة بعد صوم طويل وصلاة يوم التطهير ومعه الدم المضحي عن نفسه وعن خطايا الشعب . وكان رئيس الكهنة (زكريا) يتعجب من ذلك ويقول في نفسه : لابد ان يكون لهذه الابنة شأن عظيم في المستقبل. وصف القديس ايرنيموس حياتها في الهيكل: (ان العذراء المغبوطة التجسد تتضمن دعوة منذ الازل لمريم لتكون خادمة لهذا السر. عاشت منذ طفولتها مع غيرها من جنسها باحتشام فائق ومن الصباح حتى التاسعة نهارا كانت تنتصب للصلاة ومن الساعة الثالثة حتى التاسعة كانت تتمرن على الاشغال اليدوية وعلى القراءة ومن الساعة التاسعة كانت تعود إلى الصلاة حتى يأتيها الملاك بالطعام المألوف) . هكذا كانت حياتها في حمى الهيكل هادئة نقية كالسماء في حالة صفاء ولكن نحو السنة التاسعة من اقامتها ذاقت اول حزن على الأرض بفقدانها ابويها الهرمين ، فتوفي يواكيم عن ثمانين سنة ولم تبطئ حنة الطاعنة في السن اذ قضت نحبها أيضا . إلا ان مريم عرفت ان لاشي بعد يربطها بالارض فاستسلمت بكامل قلبها لله وحده وعللت نفسها برغبة واحدة وهي البقاء أمة للرب خاضعة أبدا لمشيئته حتى نهاية حياتها ، مواظبة على معيشتها في الهيكل حيث كان الروح القدس يهيء فيها مسكنا لله الكلمة بارتضاء الله الآب.

تاريخية العيد:

هذا العيد ليس له اسس كتابية اذ لم تذكر الاناجيل القانونية شيئا عن قبل ولادتها للمسيح ، وربما كان ذلك لانه كان يصعب ان يتضمن الإنجيل كل حادثة جرت سواء في حياة السيدة أو حياة السيد يسوع فالانجيلي يوحنا يقول: " واشياء كثيرة صنعها يسوع ولو أنها كتبت واحدة فواحدة لما ظننت ان العالم يسع الصحف المكتوبة"(يوحنا 21: 25) . ولكن هناك كتابات نسبت إلى بعض الرسل تتضمن اخبار عن حياة السيدة والسيد منها الإنجيل الذي ينسب إلى الرسول يعقوب الصغير اخى الرب بالجسد ،كتب في القرن الثاني ونشر في القرن السادس، يتميز هذا الكتاب عن باقي الاناجيل الابوكريفا (apocryphes)اللاشرعية ، باسلوبه الكتابي ورصانته وسهولة سرد الاخبار وروح التقوى التي تتخلله . قد استشهد به اقليمس الاسكندري مرارا واوريجانوس أيضا واقتبس غريغوريُسَ النزينزي اقواله بما يتعلق بدخول السيدة إلى الهيكل وولادة المسيح في المغارة واستلهم منه واضعوا الاشعار والاناشيد لعيد دخول السيدة وكذلك كاتبوا الايقونات التي تمثل حوادث حياة السيدة والسيد التي جاء ذكر ها في هذا الكتاب.

إلا ان هناك بعض اشارات أوشهادات حول هذا العيد من القرن الاول اذ يذكره الاسقف ليفوريوس الانطاكي وايضا في القرن الرابع يذكره ايرونيموس والقديس جرمانوس بطريرك القسطنطينية في القرن السابع، إلا اننا لا يمكن ان نعرف بالضبط لم حدد تاريخ هذا العيد في 21تشرين الثاني لـعـل في هذا اليوم من سنة 543 كرست الكنيسة الجديدة للسيدة على اسم دخول السيدة إلى الهيكل في القسطنطينية . ثم مع الزمن تحول عيد التدشين إلى عيد الدخول أو ربما ذكرى تجديد هذه الكنيسة ان مواعظ بطريركي القسطنطينية جرمانوس وطراسيوس في القرن الثامن واندراوس الكريتي في اواخر القرن السابع(عظاته الثلاث الشهيرة عن العيد)لمأثورة وشهيرة وفي القرن التاسع نظم جاور جيوس النيقوميدي وباسيليوس المكدوني نشائد وتراتيل لا تزال الكنيسة ترتلها حتى الان ،يقول سمعان ميتافرست وهو من الكتاب الكنسيين (القرن1.) ان هذا العيد رتب لاول مرة في القسطنطينية سنة 73. . ادخل هذا العيد إلى الغرب سنة 1572 على يد البابا عريغوريُس الحادي عشر ،واتى البابا سكستوس الخامس وجعله عيدا الزميا في كل الكنيسة البابوية سنة 1585.

دخول مريم إلى الهيكل له ذكر في القران الكريم اذ ذكر كيف تركت مريم اسرتها وذهبت إلى الهيكل وارخت على وجهها برقعا سترها عن عيونهم . قال في سورة أل عمران :" واذكر في الكتاب مريم اذ انتبذت من اهلها مكانا شرقيا فاتخذت من دونهم حجابا "وهذا يدل لتأكيد لوجود شابات عذارى في الهيكل. وايضا جاء في سورة آل عمران 36: فتقبلها ربها (في الهيكل) بقبول

حسن وانبتها نباتا حسنا وكفلها زكريا . كلما دخل عليها زكريا محراب وجد عندها رزقا . قال يا مريم اني لك هذا ،قالت هو من عند الله يرزق من يشاء بغير حساب".

ليتورجية العيد:

ان التعيد لدخول السيدة إلى الهيكل في كنيستي يتتالى ستة ايام من اليوم العشرين من تشرين الثاني إلى يوم الخامس والعشرين منه حيث الصلوات والاناشيد التي تصف باسهاب دخول السيدة إلى الهيكل وتبين اهمية العذراء ودورها في جزء من تدبير الله الخلاصي ، حيث مقاصد الله في سر

لذلك نقرأ في هذا العيد عدة قراءات تتمحور حول الحكمة والهيكل والمظلة السماوية حيث نجد في القراءة الأولى من سفر الخروج (4.) الحديث عن تكريس موسى لمسكن خيمة الاجتماع وملأ مجد الرب المسكن ... لان السحابة حلت عليه ، والسحابة في فكر وتعليم الكنيسة تشير إلى مريم البتول التي هي مقر لحضرة الله . والقراءة الثانية(3ملوك: 8:1-11) تتمحور حول تكريس سليمان للهيكل حيث أن السحاب ملأ الهيكل بحضور الرب القراءة الثالثة من حزقيال النبي(43:27-44:54) حيث يتكلم عن الهيكل المنغلق اذ يقول: " فنظرت واذا بمجد الرب قد ملأ بيت الرب " إذا مريم هي المسكن في فكر الكنيسة والانجيل (الروح القدس ياتي عليك وقوة العلى تظللك) كما ان الصـلـوات تمجدها لطّهارتها الفائقة وتصفها "مُلكة البرايا" و "الام الملكة" استنادا إلى الكتاب والتقليد والليتورجيا ، واول اشارة جاءت في سفر التكوين حيث قال الله: "واجعل عدواة بينك وبين المراة وبين نسلك ونسلها . فهو يسحق رأسك وانت ترصدين عقبه" (تكوين:3-15) . فهذه المراة المنتصرة على الشر والساحقة لرأس الشيطان تسمو على كل الخليقة وعلى الملائكة انفسهم ، منها يأخذ ابن الله المتجسد جسده وبهذه الامومة تصبح مريم ملكة العالم. يصور الاباء ومفسرو الكتاب المقدس مريم العذراء ملكة جالسة عن يمين يسوع الملك تسأله في حاجات ابنائها (مزمور 44)

قد فهمت الليتورجية البيزنطية هذه الحقيقة وطبقته على شخص مريم العذراء حيث تتذكر هذه الحقيقة في تهيئة الذبيحة الإلهية اذ تضع جزء من القربانة عن يمين الحمل تضعه تذكارا واكراما لوالدة الإله وعندما نضع هذا الجزء الممثل لشخص مريم العذراء يقول الكاهن: "قامت الملكة من عن يمينك مشوحة بثوب مذهب"

بما ان يسوع المسيح هو ملك بالولادة وبالفداء والعذراء هي ملكة بسبب امومتها الإلهية وباشتراكها في جزء من سر الخلاص مع ابنها الملك اصبحت علة خلاصنا بعد الله وبما ان الكلمة الازلي سبق فحدد بمقاصده الابدية ان يتجسد يوما لخلاص ومحبة العالم سبق واختار أمه قبل كل الأجيال ومن بين سائر النساء اختارها لتكون على الأرض عرشا مقدسا ومسكنا للمسيح الخالق

لهذا العيد اهمية الكبرى في الكنيسة اذ تهتم كثيرا به ، لما فيه من الفائدة والموعظة فانـه يبين لنـا المثل الاعلى للايمان والتقوى في شخص البارين يواكيم وحنة ويعطينا درسا ممتعا ومفيدا لنعرف كيف نهذب الاولاد ونربيهم على الفضيلة والتقوى وخوف الله . وان لنا في مثال العذراء مريم اكبر درسا وموعظة للطهارة والعفاف والاتكال على الله . تربية الاولاد يجب ان تقوم على الايمان والتقوى وان نبث فيهم خوف الله لان مخافة الله أساس كل عمل في الإنسان .

الفكرة الاساسية في هذا الموضوع هي ان مريم العذراء كرست إلى خدمة الرب منذ اول لحظة حياته لتكون الاناء المصطفى فيأتي المسيح منها، النور الذي على المرء ان يهتدي بـه والطريق الصحيح الذي من يسلكه يأمن الوصول إلى الميناء الامين . "وهكذا تهيئنا الكنيسة المقدس لظهور الله في الجسد منذ ظهور والدته الكلية القداسة في هيكل الله .

The Liturgy Explained (part 6)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is inserted at this point in the Divine Liturgy in order to be a collective prayer in preparation for Holy Communion. The early Saints of the Church understood daily bread as including not only the food for our bodies, but for our souls as well. The sacred Body and Blood of Christ nourish both our soul and body in preparation for eternal life. Jesus said quite plainly in St. John's Gospel, I am the Bread of Life (John 6: 35). He also said, I am the living Bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this Bread will live

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forever; and the Bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world (John 6: 51). There is also an early Christian translation of the Lord's Prayer that rendered daily bread as divine bread. So during the Lord's Prayer we pray together that we may receive Holy Communion and that the fullness of the Lord's Kingdom will come. Our reception of the Body and Blood of Christ is already a foretaste of the Messianic Banquet in the Age to Come (Revelations Chaps. 19-22).

THE PRAYER AFTER THE OUR FATHER

This is the second presbyteral prayer in preparation for Holy Communion. It is perhaps the most ancient prepatory prayer, even predating St. John Chrysostom (d. 407 AD). This prayer is important because it mentions that Jesus goes forth from the church with us. When we receive Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ become part of our own body by being digested and absorbed into our system. Christ truly becomes physically part of us as well as spiritually part of us. Thus, He leaves the Church with us to be with us in whatever we may do or need. Therefore, we ask Him to protect us as we travel and heal us if we are sick. St. Ignatius of Antioch (d. 110 AD) calls Holy Communion the Medicine of Immortality echoing the words of Christ in St. John's Gospel, Whoever eats this Bread will live forever (John 6: 58). The Holy Fathers even said that when Jesus comes back to raise our bodies from the dead, He will do so looking for His own Body which has become part of us in Holy Communion.

THE RITE OF HOLY COMMUNION: THE FRACTION OF THE BREAD

When the priest says, Holy Things to the Holy, the Rite of the reception of Holy Communion begins. The first action that he performs is to break the Lamb (short for Lamb of God) into four pieces. This Lamb is a large piece of Bread with a Cross imprinted on it and the Greek words for: Jesus Christ Conquers (IC XC NIKA). This symbol is often found several places in a church including the altar. One piece of the Lamb is placed in the chalice, the priest receives the second for Holy Communion, and the

other two are used for the other clergy congregation. This act of breaking the Lamb goes back to the early Church when one large loaf of bread was used for the Liturgy. This loaf was not cut ahead of time, but broken apart by the deacons at Communion time. Now we cut the bread at the Prothesis before the Liturgy starts, only the Lamb is now broken. The bread from which the particles are cut is usually only one loaf, if possible, and placed on only

one discos, if possible. This is done to show the unity of the Church. St. Paul says: The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf (I Corinthians 10:16 & 17). Our Byzantine way of preparing the bread for Holy Communion is much closer to the early Church than that of the Western Church which uses round hosts that were never part of the same loaf of bread. If possible only one chalice is used for the Liturgy also, again to show the unity of the Church. If more chalices are needed they are limited in number and frequently the sacred Blood is only poured into them from one large chalice at this time.

THE RITE OF HOLY COMMUNION: THE PREPATORY PRAYERS

After the singing of the Kinonikon, which is a Psalm verse (Praise the Lord... in honor of the resurrection of Christ), everyone says together the Prayers before Holy Communion. These prayers were originally said only by the clergy. They started to be said by the laity first in the Slavic Byzantine Churches, and since 1968 they have been said by the laity in the Melkite Church as well. The first prayer, I believe Lord and profess... tells us how to approach Holy Communion. First, we must believe that Christ is the Son of the Living God and He is our Savior. In this we echo the faith of St. Peter (Matthew 16:16). Second, we admit that we are sinners, just as St. Paul did (I Timothy 1:15). Third, we profess that the Bread and Wine are truly the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ as He stated at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-30). Finally, we admit that only God can make us worthy to receive Holy Communion. To partake of the Body and Blood of Christ is a great gift and mercy from God. We never can be worthy to receive it on our own merit.



شرح القداس الإلهي (الجزء السادس)

دستور الإيمان فهو بالتحديد اعلان النقاط الأساسية للعقيدة والإيمان المستقيم الرأي (الأرثوذكسي) حول الآب والابن والروح القدس والكنيسة والمعمودية وقيامة الموتى والحياة في الدهر الأتي. وقد أدخل هذا الدستور إلى القداس الإلهبي في بدايات القرن السادس لأن الكنيسة تعى أن وحدة الإيمان بين الجماعة الكنسية أمر بديهي لابد منه، وإن هذه الوحدة شرط أساسي للمناولة المشتركة. هكذا يتضح أنا وصف القديس اغناطيوس الأنطاكي لسر الكنيسة على أنها سر الوحدة بالإيمان والمحبة (مغنيسية 1:1) "لأن القلب يؤمن به لله والفم ححت رف به للخلاص" (رومية 1:10)، لذلك في كل قداس إلهي نعترف "بفم وآحد وقلب واحد" بإيماننا ونعلن

وست عدادنا لتقبّل هذا الإله الذي نعترف به في دستور الإيمان داخلنا. الستعدادنا لتقبّل هذا الإله الذي نعترف به في دستور الإيمان داخلنا. أثناء تلاوة دستور الإيمان يرفع الكاهن الستر الكبير الذي يغطي به الكأس والصينية ويرفرف به فوقهما ويتلو دستور الإيمان. هذه الرفرفة هي صورة للزلزلة التي سبقت قيامة الرب يرفرف به إلى أن نصل إلى "وقام من بين الأموات" حيث يضعه جانباً صورة لدحرجة الحجر عن باب القبر. ثم يأخذ الستر الصغير ويرفرف به حول القرابين رمزاً لرفرفة الروح القدس، هذا الروح الذي سيحل على القرابين لتستحيل إلى جسد المسيح ودمه

بعد الانتهاء من تلاوة دستور الايمان يعلن الكاهن: "لنقف حسناً، لنقف بخوف لنصغ، لنقدم بسلام القربانِ المقدسِ". في هذه اللحظات الرهيبة علينا ان نكون في حالة استعداد وخشوع ورهبَّة، نفساً وجسداً، لنقدّم القربان المقدس. يجب أن نقف وقفة استَّعداد شاخصين نحو الملكُّ السماوي وقائلين: "قابي مستعديا الله" (مز7:75)، ومرددين مع بطرس الرسول على جبل ثابور: "يا رب جيد أن نكون ههنا" (متى17:3) الرب يتجلَّى لنَّا في القداس الإلهي عبر ودم يجيب الشعب: "رحمة سلام ذبيحة تسبيح" قال الرب: "أريد رحمة لا ذبيحة" (مت 13:9) فالذبيحة بدون رحمة لا معنى لها. الذبيحة المرضية لله هي تلك الصادرة من القلوب المملوءة رحمة ومحبة وسلاماً. لكي نكون مستعدين لتقديم القرابين نحن بحاجة إلى النعمة الإلهية. هذا ما يمنحنا إياه الكاهن: "نعمة ربنا يسوع المسيح ومحبة الله الآب وشركة الروح القدس لتكن مع جميعكم" (2كو 7:13). هذا الإعلان إشارة إلى مساهمة كل من الأقانيم الثلاثة في العمل الخلاصي، فالآب من أجل محبته للبشر أرسل ابنه الوحيد لخلاص العالم، والابن بتجسده وصلبه وموّته وقيامته وصعوده أعطانا نعمة الفداء، التي تعطى لنا بالروح القدس الذي يسكن فينا بالمعمودية والأسرار الأخرى ويجعل بيننا وبينه شركة إذ يجعلنا هياكل له. يقول الرسول بولسِ أننا في المسيح يسوع حصلنا على الخلاص الذي به "لنا سلام مع الله.. والذي به أيضاً صار لناالدخول بالإيمان إلى هذه النعمة" (رو5: 1-2). "لا أحد يأتي للآب إلا بي" (يو 6:14) لذلك وضع الرسول بولس نعمة ربنا يسوع المسيح في

. بي اعطني قلبك" (أمثال 23:32). يجيب الشعب على هذه الدعوة: "هي لنا عند الرب". بني اعطني قلبك" (أمثال 26:33). يجيب الشعب على هذه الدعوة: "هي لنا عند الرب". نظرح عنا كل خطيئة و اهتمام أرضي ونرتفع بقلبنا إلى الله. ويردف الكاهن قائلاً: "لنشكرن الرب"، ألا يسمى القداس الإلهي سر الشكر! فالذبيحة هي ذبيحة شكر لله على كل ما أعطانا. ويجيب الشعب على هذه الدعوة بالقول: "لحق وواجب أن نسجد لأب وابن وروح قدس ..". سجودنا للثالوث هو التعبير الوحيد عن شكرنا لله على كل ما أعطانا. إن معرفة الله تستحيل علينا دون شكره. فيعدما تم كل شيء، أي بعد منح غفران الخطايا وكسر شوكة الموت، لم عين أمام الإنسان إلا أن يسبح ويشكر، وكأننا منحنا الشكر عرفاناً من الله وفرحاً فردوسياً. الثاء ترتيلنا "لحق وواجب..." يتلو الكاهن صلاة باسم المؤمنين نشكر الله فيها لأنه أخرجنا أناء ترتيلنا الخاهرة وغير الظاهرة. الإنسان المسيحي هو العبد الشكور ودوماً الذي يؤمن بأن الله يريد خيره وإن كان هو يجهل كيف يعمل الله، ويؤمن بأن كل عطية صالحة هي من لدن الله. يريد خيره وإن كان هو يجهل كيف يعمل الله، ويؤمن بأن كل عطية صالحة هي من لدن الله من الملائكة "بتسبيح الظفر مرنمين وهاتفين وصارخين وقائلين." يرتل الشعب : "قدوس من الملائكة "بتسبيح الظفر مرنمين وهاتفين وصارخين وقائلين." يرتل الشعب : "قدوس قدوس رب الصباؤوت (رب القوات السماوية) السماء والأرض مملوءتان من محدك،.." القسم الأول من هذا النشيد يذكرنا بالتسبيح الملائكي الذي سمعه الشعباء النبي



يُحيطون بعرش الله ويسبحون على الدوام قائلين قدوس قدوس قدوس رب الصباؤوت السماء والأرض مملوءتان من مجدك. تسبيح الملائكة هذا يلتقي مع هتاف أطفال أورشليم وهم يستقبلون الرب في دخوله إلى أورشليم: "أوصنا في الأعاليّ مبارك الآتي باسم الرب" (مت21:1). كلمة "أوصنا" هي كلمة عبرية وتقابلها بالسرياني "هوشعنا" وتعني عبرية وتقابلها من في الأعالي". نصرخ نحو الآب متضرعين أن يمنحنا الخلاص مقرين معترفين ومباركين المسيح الأتي باسمه الذي سوف نستقبله على المائدة المقدسة بعد قليل، بل وسنستقبله كالأطفال في داخلنا ونتحد به عبر المناولة. دمج النشيد الملائكي مع البشري إشارة إلى أن السماء والأرض أتحدثا بتجسد المسيح. في القداس الإلهي ندخل الملكوت، والملائكة تخدم معنا ونحن نردد تسبيحهم كالأطفال بقلوب نقية طاهرة لأنه إن لم نعد كالأطفال فلن ندخل ملكوت السماوات (مت3:18) في القداس الإلهي تصير الكنيسة

(أشعياء6)، حيث الشاروبيم والسارافيم

السماء على الأرض.

أثناء ترتيل هذا النشيد يتلو الكاهن صلاة باسم كل الشعب الواقف حوله يقر فيها ويعترف بقداسة الله ومجده. هذا التذكر لما صنعه الله معنا ليس مجرد عرض بسيط للأحداث الخلاصية كفيلم سينمائي، إنما هو أحياء لهذه الأحداث وكأنها حاصلة الآن ونشكل جزءاً منها. لذلك يكرر الكاهن في كل قداس هذا التذكر لكي نحياها في كل قداس إلهي. في نهاية الافشين يعلن الكاهن وهو يشير إلى الحمل (القربان) الموضوع على الصينية الذي سيستحيل إلى جسد الرب يسوع بحلول الروح القدس عليه: "خذوا كلوا هذا هو جسدي..." ويجيب الشعب آمين، أي حقاً. ثم يشير إلى الكأس قائلاً: "أشربوا منه كلكم ...". نحن الأن فعلاً على مائدة العشاء السري، مائدة الملكوت، مع الرب ورسله ونسمع صوت الرب يقول "خذوا كلوا ... اشربوا."

قانون الشكر أو الكلام الجوهري — استدعاء الروح القدس بعد كلام التأسيس "خنوا كلوا. اشربوا منه كلكم." يقول الكاهن: "ونحن بما أننا متذكرون هذه الوصية الخلاصية، وكل الأمور التي جرت من أجلنا الصليب والقبر والقيامة ذات الثلاثة أيام والصعود إلى السماوات والجلوس عن الميامن والمجيء الثاني المجيد أيضاً، التي لك مما لك نقربها لك على كل شيء ومن جهة كل شيء". الذبيحة التي نقدمها هي امتداد وتذكار لما فعله الرب من أجلنا لكي يخلصنا، كما أنها استباق لما سيحدث في المستقبل أي اشتراكنا في مائدة الملكوت والمجيء الثاني المجيد. في هذا الإطار يقدم الكاهن القرابين باسم الشعب الواقف حوله. هذه الذبيحة، كما ذكرنا سابقاً، نقدمها لله لكي نشكره على كل ما أعطانا. الخبز الذي هو عنصر الحياة نقدمه للرب رمزاً لتقديم حياتنا له لكي يقدسنا وندخل الملكوت.

ويتلو بعدها الكاهن صلاة استدعاء الروح القدس. رافعاً الصلاة باسم الكنيسة المجتمعة مستعملاً صيغة المتكلم الجمع: "نطلب ونتضرع ونسأل أن ترسل روحك القدوس علينا وعلى هذه القرابين الموضوعة، واصنع هذا الخبز فجسد مسيحك المكرم،آمين، وأما ما في هذه الكأس فدم مسيحك المكرم، آمين، محولاً إياهما بروحك القدوس آمين . آمين . آمين . آمين . قي هذه الصلاة نصل إلى أهم لحظات القداس الإلهي وأدقها حيث سيتحقق تحويل القرابين في هده الصلاة نصل إلى أهم لحظات القداس الإلهي وأدقها حيث سيتحقق تحويل القرابين بعن الى جسد المسيح ودمه القداس الإلهي هو عملية متكاملة وأجزاء القداس لا تنفصل عن بعضها البعض بل تتكامل. هكذا لا يمكن فصل استدعاء الروح القدس على القرابين عن باقي أجزاء القداس وإلا صار بالإمكان اختصار القداس إلى هذه الصلاة بمفردها ثم المناولة. هذه الصلاة تتوج ما كنا نعد له في القداس عبر اجتماعنا مع بعضنا وقراءة الإنجيل والرسالة وإعلان إيماننا ومحبتنا إلخ... ما يميز هذه الصلاة هو استدعاء الروح القدس "علينا" وعلى القرابين الموضوعة. علينا أن نصير هياكل للروح القدس.

ويتابع الكاهن الصلاة مؤكداً أن هدف استحالة جسد الرب ودمه "لكي يكونا للمتناولين لانتباه النفس ومغفرة الخطايا وشركة الروح القدس.." نقدم القرابين للآب ويحولها لجسد ابنه ودمه لكي يت تجدد حياتنا ونتأله باقتبالنا مصدر الحياة. يستأنف الكاهن شكره لله على النعم الغزيرة التي منحنا إياها عبر الأنبياء والرسل والقديسين كما نشكره "خاصة من أجل والدة الإله .." ويصلي بعدها من أجل الراقدين ومن أجل الأساقفة والكهنة والعالم بأسره..ثم يذكر رئيس الكهنة مطران الأبرشية بصوت عال لكي يبقى حافظاً كلمة الله التي هي الحق والحياة ومعلماً لها.

Following Jesus Kids bulletin



My Journey Through the *2021* Nativity Fast

Start ↓	Nov 29 Welcome someone to play with you today who may need a friend.	Nov.30 St. Andrew Day! He was the first one called! Be quick to come when you are called today!	Dec. 1 Sweep the porch and sidewalks today for mom and dad, then for a neighbor!	Dec. 2 Do an extra chore but don't tell anyonebe a secret angel.	Dec. 3 Offer to help someone with a difficult job today.
Nov. 15 Discuss how your family will observe this fast for the next 40 days.	Nov. 28 Smile at someone who looks sad today and cheer them up!	Dec 15 Make Christmas cards for priests, monks or nuns, and those in nursing homes today.	Dec. 14 Set the table without being asked.	Dec. 13 St. Lucy Day! Make sweet rolls and deliver them to someone	Dec. 4 Force branches on the feast of St. Barbara! Blooms by Christmas mean good luck!
Nov. 16 St. Matthew Begin to collect spare change for the poor at Christmas	Nov. 27 Learn a new prayer todayone you don't have memorized yet.	Dec. 16 Make everybody's bed today as a gift.	Dec. 17 Read a Christmas story to your little sister or brother	Dec. 12 Say a special prayer for all of the unborn babies today!	Dec. 5 Leave your shoe out for St. Nicholas to fill tonight!
Nov. 17 Say a prayer for someone who is sad today, then send them a card to cheer them up.	Nov. 26 Visit someone who is lonely today and give them a hug.	Dec. 19 Do an extra chore but don't tell anyonebe a secret angel.	Dec. 18 Say a special prayer for someone who is sad today.	Dec 11 Practice your Christmas Carols so you'll be ready at Christmas! Put on a show!	Dec. 6 St. Nicholas Day! Do a secret good deed in his honor.
Nov. 18 Do an extra chore but don't tell anyonebe a secret angel.	Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day Offer to make someone a cup of tea or cocoa and sit and talk to them for a while.	Dec. 20 St. Ignatius of Antioch Bake some bread for a neighbor!	Dec.21 Clean and Decorate your room for Christmas	Dec 10 Call Grandma or Grandpa (or an older friend) and say hello today.	Dec. 7 St. Ambrose Bee extra sweet todaysweet as honey!
Nov. 19 Set the table without being asked, maybe make pretty place cards!	Nov 24 Play in the snow and make a snowman for everyone to see!	Dec 23 Do you know what to say when someone says, Christ is Born? Glorify Him!	Dec. 22 Practice looking for the first star so you can do it at Holy Supper	Dec. 9 Read a Bible story before bed tonight that you haven't read before.	Dec 8 Conception of St. Anna Say an extra prayer to welcome the Theotokos!

Nov. 20

Clean your room for the holidays, then decorate!

Nov. 23

Wash the dishes or empty the dishwasher today without being asked.

Nov. 21 No

Entrance of the Theotokos Review the prayer to the Theotokos and say it 10 times for priests.

Nov. 22

Practice and recite the prayers before and after meals today!

Dec. 24

Help set the table for Holy Supper.

Sing Christmas Carols!

⇒ Christ Is Born!



LITURGICAL CALENDAR





تشرين الثاني – نوفمبر 2021

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Liturgical Symbols:
Abstain from meat
Church Major Feasts
Fast from midnight until noon

.	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Sts Cosmas and Damian 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8 Matthew 10:1, 5-8	2 St Akindinos and his companions 1 Thessalonians 3:8-13 Luke 11:34-41	3 Sts Acepsimas, Joseph and Aeithalas 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 Luke 11:42-46	4 St Hermias 1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:1-10 Luke 11:47-12:1	5 Sts Galaction and Episteme 1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28 Luke 12:2-12	St Paul the Confessor of Constantinople 2 Corinthians 11:1-6 Luke 9:1-6
	7 7th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد السابع بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 2:14-22 Luke 8:41-56	Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel محفل مقدس لرؤساء الملائكة المائكة 22-20 Luke 10:16-21	9 St Matrona 2 Thessalonians 1:10-2:2 Luke 12:42-48	10 St Orestes 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Luke 12:48-59	1 1 St Theodore the Studite 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5 Luke 13:1-9	12 St John of Alexandria 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 Luke 13:31-35	13 St John Chrysostom James 5:10-20 Luke 4:22-30
	14 St Philip the Apostle 8" Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثّامن بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 4:1-7 Luke 10:25-37	15 Sts Gourias, Samonas and Habib 1 Timothy 1:1-7 Luke 14:1, 12-15	16 St Matthew the Apostle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:9-13	17 St Gregory of Neo-Caesarea 1 Timothy 1:18-20, 2:8-15 Luke 15:1-10	18 Holy Martyrs Plato and Romanos 1 Timothy 3:1-13 Luke 16:1-9	19 Holy Prophet Obadiah 1 Timothy 4:4-8, 16 Luke 16:15-18, 17:1-4	Preparation of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Galatians 3:8-12 Luke 9:57-62
	21 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple دخول السيدة الى الهيلا Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	22 St Onesimos 1 Timothy 5:1-10 Luke 17:20-25	23 St Amphilochios 1 Timothy 5:11-21 Luke 17:26-37, 18:8	24 St Clement of Rome	25 Leave-taking of the Entrance of the Theotokos Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34	26 St Nikon the Preacher of Repentance 2 Timothy 1:1-2, 8-18 Luke 19:12-28	27 St James the Persian Galatians 5:22-6:2 Luke 10:19-21
ion	28 13th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثلث عشر بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 6:10-17 Luke 18:18-27	29 Sts Paramon and Phillumenes 2 Timothy 2:20-26 Luke 19:37-44	30 St Andrew the Apostle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 1:35-51				





O Gracious God,

we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us.

Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today.

Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here.

Thank you for our health, our work and our play.

Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence.

Open our hearts to your love.

We ask your blessing through Christ your son.

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry.

When I have work, help me to remember the jobless.

When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all.

When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer.

And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency, bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.

Amen.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



In the spirit of prayerfulness and in oneness of thought, Fr. Joe and I would like to express our very sincere thanks and deep appreciation for making the Sunday School Program successful over the years, and shining the light of Christ through you to show each child God loves them just as they are.

We have been deeply touched and impressed by the teachers and parents' generosity and willingness to do whatever it takes to make the past year a success for our children despite the difficulties that we faced because of Covid-19.

We are very grateful to all of you for taking the time and making the effort to make the Sunday School Program possible.

Together we are building the foundation upon which we will build St. Basil's future, 100 years on. What a wonderful blessing you all are to our community.

Kindly, fill out the new Registration Form for this Sunday School Year according to the grade of your child.

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St. Barbara's Feast Day Celebration

ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE CHURCH OF RHODE ISLAND



Feast Day Ceremony & procession with "Sleaa"

Dinner & Cash Bar

Saturday December 4, 2021 6:30pm - 11:00pm

at St. Basil's Cultural Center 15 Skyview Drive • Lincoln, RI





Music by: Mitch Kaltsunas & ensemble

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Name

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Rectory: 401-722-1345 Samir: 401-744-1141

RSVP: Sunday November 28

Table Reservations Only – Deadline is Sunday, November 28, 2021 For Information Call: Samir Boudjouk 401-744-1141

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All Tickets must be pre-ordered

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#	MYO Members 13 and over \$15
#	Children 12 and under \$5

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All Major credit cards accepted - Deadline December 26, 2021



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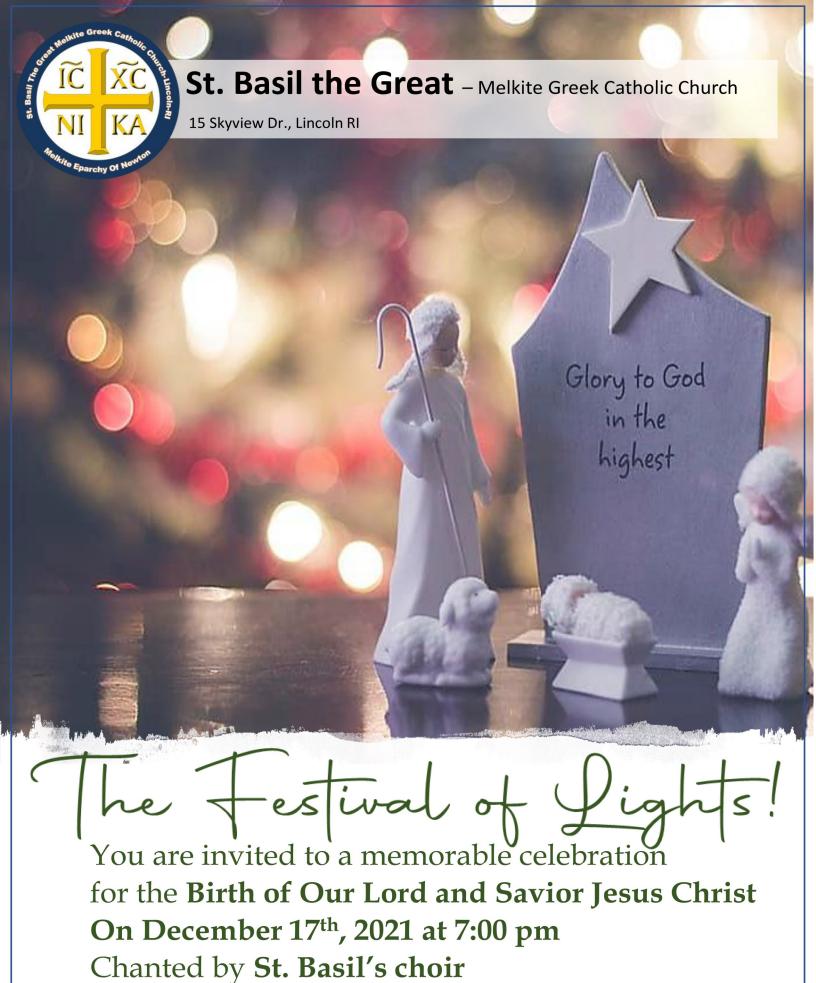
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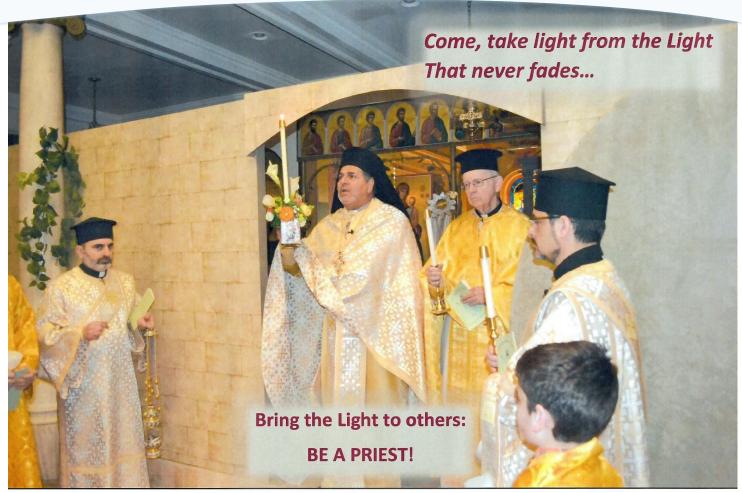
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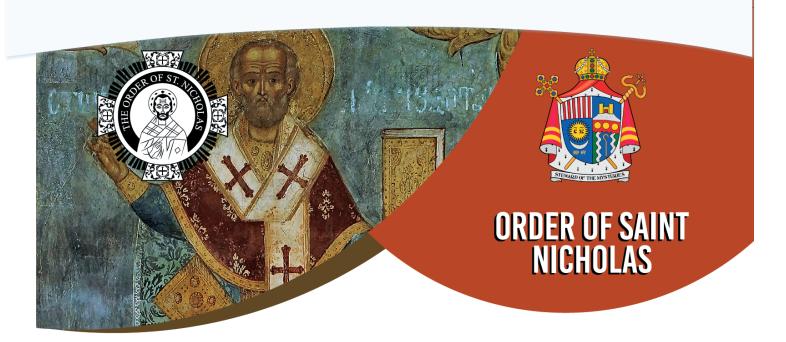
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- Pope Francis, Regina Caeli Message, Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2013



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At St. Elias Chapel (St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church)
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Remember me in your Kingdom

You are invited to the Divine Liturgy for the departed in the Lord in the Hope of Resurrection
On the last Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 pm

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Divine Liturgy intentions can be scheduled for those who have died, and on the occasion of a birthday, wedding anniversary, for healing for the conversion of sinners, for the grace to face the challenges in life, for the success in a new job, for those serving in the church and country in different levels, for good weather, bountiful harvest, for world peace, in thanksgiving for the blessings received, etc. You can find so many reasons to think about a Mass offering. We offer the Mass for a specific intention because we believe in the immense spiritual value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The custom of giving offering to have Liturgies said for specific intentions is a laudable one and should be maintained as much as possible. Church teaching and Canon Law (nos. 942-958) provide important guidelines on how to preserve the dignity and appreciation of this practice. Overall, it should be well noted that Liturgy offerings are never to be viewed as a means of parish fundraising.

<u>COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DEAD</u>: The Apostolic Constitutions refer to the repetition of the Mass on the third, ninth and fortieth days: "Let the third day be observed in remembrance of the dead with psalms, lessons, and prayers, because Christ rose from the dead on the third day. Let the ninth day be observed in remembrance both of the living and the dead, and also the fortieth day, in accordance with mourning customs of the Israelites at the time of Moses' death. Finally, let the anniversary day be observed in memory of the dead."

In contemporary Byzantine practice, the dead are commemorated on the ninth and fortieth days and on the anniversary of their departure from this world.

Formerly under the jurisdiction of the local Latin Ordinaries before the Exarchate was established under the leadership of the late Bishop Justin Najmy of this Parish, all Melkites have been subject to the latter since its erection in 1966. The Constitution of the Melkite Eparchy which is now a sole Diocese since1976 still acknowledges this definitive protocol. Our parishes follow local discipline in the various customs e.g., clergy attire, stipends (Mass 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.

Effective January 1, 2008, which by-passed us, the schedule of offerings for Masses in parishes is now \$25.00; Funerals: \$300.00; Weddings: \$300.00.

Canon Law prohibits accepting stipends or offerings for Masses more than one year in advance (rolling calendar) Canon 953. The time within which Masses must be celebrated (1 year) begins the day the intention is received (Canon 955 #2.)

May the memories of our beloved deceased be eternal and many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these guidelines and restrictions.

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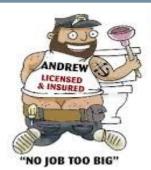
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