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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Saturday 2:30–3:30 P.M.,

Sunday 9:30-10:30 A.M., or by appointment.

Baptisms: Please arrange with the pastor.

Marriages: 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.

Antiphon Prayer

O Lord, Lover of Mankind, who are wonderful in your saints, who are the source of all holiness, You gave us your divine command: Be holy for I am Holy. You poured the Spirit of Holiness in our hearts. You made us temples for your glory. We pray You, by your mercy, to make us faithful to that Life-giving Spirit. Enlighten our minds so that we may understand your Plan of Salvation and please You by doing your will all our life. For You are the wellspring of all holiness, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, Father, Son and Holy spirit, now and alway and forever and ever.

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 All Saints

O Christ God, your church clothed with the blood of Your martyrs all over the world, as with purple and fine linen, cries out to You: send Your mercy upon Your people, grant peace to Your fold and extend Your great compassion upon our souls.

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 Preparation for the Feast of the Divine Body O Faithful let us prepare our hearts as precious vessels to partake of the Lord's Banquet, with pure dispositions, and let us offer a hymn of praise in preparation to this great festivity.

صلاة الأنديفوننة

أيها الربُّ المحبُّ البشر، يا مَنْ هو عَجِيبٌ في قَدِّيسيه وينبوع كلِّ قداسة، يا مَنْ دعانا بأمره الإلهي: كونوا قَدِّيسِينَ لأنِّي أنا قدوس، وأفاض في قلوبنا روح القداسة، وجعلنا هيكل له، نسألُ مراحمك أَنْ تجعلنا أُمَناءَ لهذا الروح المحيي، ونُثَبِّرَ منَّا العقولَ لندركَ تديبَكَ الخلاصي، ونعملَ بحسبِ ما يُرضيك كلَّ أيام حياتنا لأنك أنتَ هو مصدرُ كلِّ قداسة، وإليك نرفعُ المجدَّ والشُّكر والسُّجود، أيُّها الأبُّ والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكلَّ أوانٍ وإلى دهر الداهرين

نشيد القيامة – باللحن الثامن

انحدرت من العلاء أيُّها التحنن، وقبلتَ الدفنَ ثلاثةَ أيام، لكي تتعتقنا من الآلام، فيا حياتنا وقيامتنا، يا رب المجد لك.

نشيد جميع القديسين على اللحن الرابع

أيُّها المسيحُ الإله، ان كنيسةَكَ المتسريلةَ دماءَ شهدائك الذين في كلِّ العالم، مثل بَرٍّ وأرجوان، تهتفُ اليك بواسطتهم: أرسل رَأْفَتَكَ على شعبك، وهبْ لرعيَتِكَ السلام، ولنفسِنا عظيمَ الرحمة.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاعَ منطلقُكَ في كلِّ الأرض. فانها قد قَبِلَتْ كلامك، الذي به بَيَّنْتَ العقائدَ بياناً إلهياً، وأوضحتَ طبيعة الكائنات، ونظَّمتَ أخلاقَ البشر. فيا أيُّها الأبُّ البَارُّ ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيحِ الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

قنداق الختام- لتقدمة عيد الجسد باللحن الثاني

لنهئِ اليومَ القلوب، يا مؤمنين، كنايةً نقية، لنقبلَ بضميرٍ نقيٍّ وليمَّةَ الربِّ. مقدِّمينَ تسبيحاً لتقدمة العيد.





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: 1st Sunday of Pentecost, Heb 11:33-12:2

Prokimenon (Tone 4) Psalm 67:36

Awesome in His saints is God, the God of Israel. Stichon: In the churches, bless God, the Lord out of Israel's wellspring.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews
BRETHREN, all of the saints by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained the fulfillment of promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, routed foreign armies. Women had their dead returned to them through resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to yield for their release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others again suffered mockery and beatings, even chains and jailings. They were stoned, they were cut to pieces, they were put to the test, they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, anguished, afflicted (of whom the world was not worthy) wandering in deserts, mountains, caverns and holes in the ground. And all of these, in spite of the positive witnessing of faith, failed to receive what was promised, for God was keeping something better in store for us, so that they were not to reach their final perfection without us.

(12: 1) And so, having such a cloud of witnesses over us, let us get rid of every burden, and of the sin entangling us, and run with endurance to the fight proposed to us, contemplating the author and final end of faith, Jesus.

ALLELUIA (Tone 4) Psalm 33:18,20

The just cried out, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their trials.

Stichon: Many are the trials of the just, but out of them all, the Lord will save them.

Gospel: 1st Sunday after Pentecost, Mt 10:32-38 & 19:27-30

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father in heaven. But whoever disowns Me before men, I in turn will disown before My Father in heaven. Anyone who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and anyone who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and anyone does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter addressed him saying, "Behold, we have left all and followed You; what then shall we have?" And Jesus said to them, "Amen I say to you that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit on the throne of His glory, shall also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting. But many who are first now will be last, and many who are last now will be first."

الاسبوع الاول بعد العنصرة: أحد جميع القديسين

مقدمة الرسالة

عجيب الله في قديسيه، إله اسرائيل
في المجامع باركوا الله الرب من ينبع اسرائيل

الرسالة (عبرانيين 11: 33 الى 12 2 أ)

يا إخوة، إن القديسين جميعاً بالإيمان قد قهرُوا
الْقَمَالَكَ وَغَمَلُوا الْبَرْ، وَنَالُوا الْمَوْعِدَ وَسَدُّوا أَفْوَاهَ
الْأُسُودِ، وَأَطْفَأُوا قُوَّةَ النَّارِ، وَنَجَّوْا مِنْ خَيْدِ السَّيْفِ،
وَتَقَوَّوْا مِنْ ضَعْفٍ، وَصَارُوا أَشِدَّاءَ فِي الْقِتَالِ وَكَسَرُوا
مُعَسَكَرَاتِ الْأَجَانِبِ. وَاسْتَرَجَعَتْ نِسَاءُ أَمْوَاتَةٍ بِالْقِيَامَةِ.
وآخَرُونَ قَدْ عُدُّوا بِتَوْتِيرِ الْأَعْضَاءِ وَالضَّرْبِ، وَلَمْ يَقْبَلُوا
النَّجَاةَ لِيَحْصُلُوا عَلَى قِيَامَةٍ أَفْضَلَ. وَآخَرُونَ قَدْ ذَاقُوا
الْهُزْءَ وَالسِّيَاطَ وَالْعُيُودَ أَيْضاً وَالسَّجْنَ. رُجِّمُوا، نُشِرُوا،
امْتَحَنُوا، مَاتُوا بِخَيْدِ السَّيْفِ، سَاحَوْا فِي جُلُودِ الْغَتَمِ
وَالْمَعْزِ، مُعَوِّزِينَ، مُضَاقِقِينَ، مَجْهُودِينَ. وَلَمْ يَكُنِ الْعَالَمُ
مُسْتَحَقّاً لَهُمْ، تَائِهِينَ فِي الْبَرَارِيِّ وَالْجِبَالِ وَالْمَغَاوِرِ
وَكُهَوفِ الْأَرْضِ. فَهَؤُلَاءِ كُلُّهُمْ الْمَشْهُودُ لَهُمْ بِالْإِيمَانِ لَمْ
يَنَالُوا الْمَوْعِدَ، لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ سَبَقَ فَتَنَظَّرَ لَنَا شَيْئاً أَفْضَلَ،
لِكَيْ لَا يُكْمَلُوا بِمَعْزِلٍ عَنَّا. فَلِذَلِكَ نَحْنُ أَيْضاً إِذْ يُحْدِثُ بِنَا
مِثْلَ هَذَا السَّحَابِ مِنَ الشُّهُودِ، فَلْنُلْقِ عَنَّا كُلَّ ثِقَلٍ
وَالْخَطِيئَةِ الْمَحِيطَةِ بِنَا بِسَهُولَةٍ، وَلْنَسْعَ بِصَبْرِ فِي
الْمِيدَانِ الْمَوْضُوعِ أَمَانًا، جَاعِلِينَ نَظَرَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ مُبْدِيِ
الْإِيمَانِ وَمُكْمَلِهِ

هَلُولِيَا

الْصَدِّيقُونَ صرخوا والرب استمع لهم، ومن جميع
مضايقيهم نجاههم
كثيرة مضايقي الصديقين، ومن جميعها يُنجيهم الرب.

الانجيل

(متى 10: 32 – 38 و 19: 27 – 30)

قال الرب لتلاميذه: كُلُّ مَنْ يَتَعَرَّفُ بِي قُدَّامَ النَّاسِ،
أَعْتَرَفْتُ أَنَا أَيْضاً بِهِ قُدَّامَ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَمَنْ
يُنْكِرُنِي قُدَّامَ النَّاسِ، أُنْكِرُهُ أَنَا أَيْضاً قُدَّامَ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي
السَّمَاوَاتِ. لَا تَتَنَبَّأُوا أَنِّي جِئْتُ لِأَلْقِي عَلَى الْأَرْضِ سَلَامًا.
لَمْ آتِ لِأَلْقِي سَلَامًا بَلْ سَيْفًا. لَقَدْ جِئْتُ لِأَفْرِقَ الْإِنْسَانَ
عَنْ أَبِيهِ، وَالْأُبْنَةَ عَنْ أُمِّهَا، وَالْكَتَنَةَ عَنْ خِمَاتِهَا. وَأَعْدَاءُ
الْإِنْسَانِ أَهْلُ بَيْتِهِ. مَنْ أَحَبَّ أَبًا أَوْ أُمًّا أَوْ كَثَرًا مَعِيَ فَلَا
يَسْتَحِقُّنِي، وَمَنْ أَحَبَّ ابْنًا أَوْ بِنْتًا أَكْثَرَ مِنِّي فَلَا
يَسْتَحِقُّنِي. وَمَنْ لَا يَأْخُذُ صَلْبِيَّتِهِ وَيَتَّبِعُنِي فَلَا يَسْتَحِقُّنِي.
فَأَجَابَ بُطْرُسُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: هَا نَحْنُ قَدْ تَرَكْنَا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ
وَتَبِعْنَاكَ، فَمَا عَسَى إِذَا يَكُونُ لَنَا؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: الْحَقُّ
أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تَبِعْتُمُونِي فِي عَهْدِ التَّجْدِيدِ، مَتَى
جَلَسَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ عَلَى عَرْشِ مَجْدِهِ، تَجْلِسُونَ. أَنْتُمْ
أَيْضاً عَلَى اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ عَرْشًا، وَتَدِينُونَ أَسْبَاطَ إِسْرَائِيلَ
الْأَثْنَيْ عَشَرَ. وَكُلُّ مَنْ تَرَكَ بَيْتًا، أَوْ إِخْوَةً، أَوْ أَخَوَاتٍ، أَوْ
أَبًا، أَوْ أُمًّا، أَوْ امْرَأَةً، أَوْ بَنِينَ، أَوْ حَقُولًا مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي،
يَأْخُذُ مِئَةَ ضِعْفٍ، وَيَرِثُ الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ. وَكَثِيرُونَ
أَوَّلُونَ يَكُونُونَ آخِرِينَ، وَآخِرُونَ يَكُونُونَ أَوَّلِينَ.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING: May 23, 2021: Budgets: \$1,443.00; Envelopes: \$1,440.00; Loose: \$3.00; Stipends: \$400.00; Candles: \$156.00; Building Fund: \$40.00; Bishop Nicholas Tithe: \$50.00.

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.

FATHER DANIEL NASSANEY UPDATE: Blessings to all! Thanks for all your help and support. It has been a week now that I was operated on. It seems that the operation was a success. The surgeon had to remove my medial gastrocnemius muscle. He was able to remove the total tumor and has good hope that nothing has spread. I have had no pain. I came back to our house in Tewksbury Monday night. I shall be having physical therapy and the healing process will be extended. What is next is in God's hand. I thank you all for your prayers, warm wishes, rides, cards and notes. Easter is indeed the time of healing.

MEMORIAM: It is with the deepest sadness that we announce to you the passing into eternal life of the handmaid of God, **SOPHIA WIERZBICKI**, in her native country of Poland, the mother of Kazimier Wierzbicki of our Parish. Please remember the repose of her soul in your prayers as well as all the souls of the faithful departed. May she rest in peace and may her memory be eternal.

MEMORIAL DAY: MONDAY, May 31st, Memorial Day will be observed in honor of our comrades who died in defense of their country. Memorial Services will be held at St. Basil's Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Let us, on this day, give our thoughts rest from daily cares and strifes of a confused world, and turn them to wholesome thoughts of prayer for these dear ones who have fallen asleep with godliness and great grace, and at the same time, to join in prayer and remember all our loved ones who have preceded us to eternity.
MEMORY ETERNAL!

The highlight of this day will be the **GENERAL BLESSING OF THE CEMETERY**, and the **BLESSING OF THE NEW GRANITE SIGN** erected on the Curran Roadside of the street, identifying the Church of St. Basil the Great, which was graciously donated by the Colabella & Hagggar Families.

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

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE: 1.) You believe in Santa Claus; 2.) You don't believe in Santa Claus; 3.) You are Santa Claus; 4.) You look like Santa Claus.

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.





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.



TODAY, SATURDAY, MAY 29, AND SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS.

4:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **CONNOR BRUNO** by Dennis Dakake.
- + **JOSEPH HARRAKA** by M/M Anthony Harraka.
- + **TODD HARRAKA** by Charles & Francine Robat.
- + **JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke.
- + **CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke.
- + **LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE** by Uncle Michael, Auntie B., Greg & Katie.
- + **ELIAS NAJMY (NY)** Fowzi & Carol Assaf & Family.
- + **WILLIAM T. ASERMEY** by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family. (SC)
- + **ANTHONY NAJJAR** by Joan Y. Ray.
- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by Bill & Nancy Haddad.
- + **MARY TAHAN** by Delores & Loriann Agag.
- + **JAMES N. ALLAM** by Pat-Luc St. Germain.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by M/M Edmond Shabo.
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by Abe, Michele, Nick, Missy & Christina Domaney.

11:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **ELIAS J. KISHFY** by Hon. Thomas Lazieh & Sons
- + **SAMUEL RAHEB** by Laila Raheb & Family.
- + **AMANDA ROWEY** by Anthony & Fadia Rowey.
- + **GEORGE BOUDJOUK** by Deacon Edmond & Theresa Raheb.
- + **MARIE CLAIRE CHOUHA** by Justin & Danielle Boudjouk & Family.
- + **GEORGE DECKEY** by George & Sherine Mussalli & Family.
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by the Family.
- + **LOUIS P. KISHFY** by Kevin Kishfy.
- + **FRANCIS A. SAGGAL** by Samir & Hanaa Boudjouk.
- + **ALBERT J. KISHFY** by Dr. Jason B. Boudjouk.
- + **GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL** by Zenon & Joelle Lozinski.
- + **YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by Chantal & Rob Simon.



LITURGY OR MASS INTENTIONS



Mass 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.

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DEAD: 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 since 1976 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.

GLORIFIED IN HIS SAINTS

CATHOLICS AND ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS are sometimes

criticized by people because of the reverence we show to the saints. Critics may feel that we ignore the Lord, preferring to pay homage to favorite saints. Seeing how some believers act, we may understand why some Protestants and others may feel as they do. Some devotees of the



saints lavish more praise on the saints than on Christ. While such behavior may be misguided, an appropriate devotion to the Theotokos and other saints is not. For us, the saints are the “proof” that the Holy Spirit truly came upon the Church at Pentecost. The holiness of their lives points to the grace of the Holy Spirit powerfully working in our world. The saints reveal to us the “face” of the Holy Spirit manifest in the Church. For this reason Byzantine Churches celebrate the Feast of All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost. In the Epistle to the Hebrews we read of a number of Old Testament figures renowned in Israelite history for their righteous lives or powerful deeds. The selection read at today’s Divine Liturgy does not mention any of the individuals named in the epistle (some of whom are not the most praiseworthy by modern standards). Rather it begins with the point made in conclusion: that some were powerful and defeated their enemies while others were tortured and put to death. Still others lived righteous lives in hiding and “wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and holes in the ground” (Hebrews 11:38). In either case nothing they could do could bring them eternal life. That would only become possible through Jesus Christ and His Church. As the biblical author explains, “These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would then be made perfect” (Hebrews 11:39-40). We can conclude that the gift of the Holy Spirit dwelling in the believer far exceeds the glory won by the rulers, soldiers and prophets of Israelite history. We can also strive to draw close to the One who is everywhere present, filling all things.

NEW TESTAMENT SAINTS

There is no one more filled with the Holy Spirit than she who is “full of grace,” the most holy Theotokos. Like her the holy prophet, forerunner and baptist John has a unique place among Christians as, in Christ’s own words, “among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist” (Mt 11:11). In addition to them, there are countless figures from every age in Christian history honored as saints by the various local Churches. In the Byzantine Churches it has become customary to consider the saints as belonging to one or another of the following categories:

Prophets – God’s Old Testament spokesmen such as Elias or Isaiah who

called the Jews back to the true God and His ways whenever they strayed.

Apostles – The Twelve closest followers of Christ as well as the Seventy who were their companions: eye-witnesses to the presence of Christ on earth.

Evangelists – The Gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Hierarchs – Sainly bishops like Nicholas of Myra, Spyridon of

Cyprus or Basil the Great.

Righteous Ascetics – Giants in the monastic life, both men and women, including elders (guides in the spiritual life) and solitaries, living in forest or wilderness.

Martyrs – Those who gave their lives witnessing to Christ, from the Great Martyrs of the Roman persecutions, such as St. Barbara and St. George, to the new martyrs who died under modern dictators or religious extremists.

Hieromartyrs – Hierarchs and priests who sacrificed their own lives as well as offered the Divine Sacrifice of Christ.

Confessors - Those who survived torture or imprisonment for the Lord but escaped with their lives, like St. Maximos the Confessor.

Unmercenaries – Those who gave of their talents freely to help the poor and the sick, such as Ss. Cosmas and Damian.

Fools for Christ – Those who pretended to be mentally incompetent so that their spiritual gifts would not be noticed and praised, like St. Xenia of Petersburg.

Passionbearers – Those who accepted suffering, even death, rather than to repay violence with more violence.

On this First Sunday after Pentecost the Byzantine Churches celebrate all the saints, whether their names are known or not. On the following Sundays various local Churches celebrate their own regional saints (All Saints of Russia, or North America, or the British Isles, etc.). Wherever the Holy Spirit has been at work in the Church, saints have been raised up to the glory of God.

WHO “MAKES” SAINTS?

Ultimately, of course, it is God who makes people holy by giving them the gift of the Holy Spirit. When people make this gift their own and live a heroic life in Christ, others recognize it. When a local Church recognizes that one of its sons or daughters has lived an exceptional Christian life and gives evidence that they are now in glory, it publicly proclaims him or her to be a saint. In the Eastern Orthodox Churches it is the local Church (such as the patriarchate of Constantinople or the Church of Greece) which declares saints. In the East this process is called glorification. In the West recognition of saints is called canonization (inclusion on the canon or list of saints) and is proclaimed by the Pope of Rome.

اذ كنتم في المسيح فاقم معنيون لتكونوا قديسين ،شركاء مع الله.

قديسين فهل نتجاوب معه في ارادته؟.

عيد اليوم يدعونا للتأمل في هذه المناسبة ،يدعونا الى القداسة ،لان هذه هي ارادة الله (قداسكم).

يقول الانجيل المقدس : " ان يعرف كل واحد منكم ان يقتني ابناء قداسة وكرامة " (1 تسالونيكي 4: 3). ... "اخترنا.. الله قبل تأسيس العالم لتكون قديسين وبلا لوم قدامه في المجد" (افسس 1: 4).



دعى هذا الأحد وهو الأول بعد العنصرة، أحد جميع القديسين. فبعد أن حل علينا الروح القدس، ضمنا إلى الله الأب، والروح يوحد بين المؤمنين ليزرع فيهم قداسه. هذه هي وظيفته، أن يربطنا بالثالوث القدوس وأن يظهرنا لنكون شهوداً معترفين به.

الروح القدس الذي ينزل على الكنيسة جمعاء فتغتسل به، وينزل على كل واحد منا فرداً فرداً ليصير إنساناً جديداً إن ارتضى هذه الولادة وجاهد بحق.

ايها الاحباء: قال الله في كتابه المقدس : " اني احب الذين يحبونني وامجد الذين يمجدونني" (امثال 8: 17).

كما تعلمون ،اليوم تحتفل كنيستنا المقدسة بعيد جميع القديسين الاطهار ،بعد ان عيدنا في الاحد الماضي عيد العنصرة ، عيد حلول الروح القدس على التلاميذ وغيرهم.

سؤال يطرح لماذا عيّنت الكنيسة المقدسة اليوم عيد لجميع القديسين بعد احد العنصرة. ما هو السبب ؟ ما الرابط بين الاثنين ؟ ما هو التعليم الذي تريده الكنيسة ان تعلمنا به.

في صلواتنا نقول ان الله ممجد في القديسين والله يمجّد القديسين. يعني ان الله ساكن في القديسين والقديسون هم في قلب الله. اختبروا حضور الله الحي الشخصي فيهم. كيف حصل هذا؟ هل نحن نعي ونذكر ونصل الى مثل هذا الاختبار الشخصي في علاقتنا مع الله.

نعم نستطيع ان نصل الى قلب الله. والى المجد المعطى من المسيح للقديسين. لا نتعجبوا من هذا! السيد يسوع المسيح يحب الانسان الذي خلقه لدرجة اعطاه الروح القدس بغزارة ، وبالروح القدس صار الانسان مشابهاً لله.

لماذا يحب الله الانسان الى هذا الحد حتى يسكن معه ؟. لان الله حب بذاته ونحن نعرف هذا الحب بالروح القدس. بالروح القدس يعرف الانسان المسيح خالقه.

السيد المسيح منح نعمة الروح القدس للقديسين لانه احبوه وتعلقوا به حتى النهاية. لان عذوبة الحب لا تسمح ان يتحول الانسان الى حب العالم.

ايضا بالروح القدس يمجّد القديسون الله، وبمواهب الروح القدس يمجّد السيد القديسين بمجد لا نهاية له. القديسون يحبوننا بهذا الروح القدس. لهذا مطلوب من كل واحد منا ان نملك نعمة الروح القدس لكي نحب الله والله يحبنا.

كثيرون من البشر يظنون ان القديسين بعيدون عنا ،بالحقيقة نحن متغربون عنهم، انهم بعيدون (اي القديسين) عن الذين فقدوا نعمة الروح القدس. القديسون قريبون من الذين يحفظون وصايا المسيح ويحملون نعمة الروح القدس في داخلهم .

الوصية الانجيلية تقول لكل واحد منكم (اصغوا) " اتبعوا السلام مع الجميع والقداسة التي بدونها لن يرى احد الرب" (عبرانيين 12: 14). في هذه الاية وفي هذا العيد (جميع القديسين) دعوة لنا للقداسة. وهذه الدعوة تتوافق مع وصية الرب الاخرى: "كونوا قديسين لاني انا قدوس" (1 بطرس 1: 16).

هذه الايات تطرح سؤالاً : هل نحن نرغب ان نكون مقدسين للرب؟.

الجواب متروك لكل واحد منكم لكي يقوله للرب. هل نحن صادقون مع انفسنا ان نطلب القداسة برغم عدم طهارتنا؟ لان دون القداسة لن يرى احد الرب. المسيح يريد ان نكون

هذا يعني اذ كنتم في المسيح فانتم معنيون لتكونوا قديسين ،شركاء مع الله.

إلا ان اغلب المسيحيين لا يطلبون القداسة، لانها تتطلب منهم الرجولة الروحية والجهاد الروحي وتسليم الحياة كاملاً للرب ،بينما هم يريدون الاحتفاظ ببعض الممارسات والتصرفات والشهوات التي لا تليق بقديسين.

لا يكفي ان نقرأ سير القديسين ونطلع على التعاليم الدينية ،ولا جدوى من حمل اسم قديس، ان لم نكتسب عاداته ،علينا ان نتمثل بهم ونقتدي بهم . هل ترغبون ان تكونوا كامليين. اذن افعلوا ما فعله القديسون.

ماذا فعل القديسون؟. فعل القديس اذ صار مفروزا مكرسا ومخصصا للرب .فعل القديس اذ تشبه بالرب يسوع المسيح.

هذا هو المطلب الحقيقي والرئيسي لقداسة الحياة ،هو ان يكون لكل واحد منكم مستوى حياة روحية قريبة من الله.

تنفيذا لقول الرب يسوع "كونوا كامليين كما ان اباكم الذي في السموات هو كامل" (متى 5: 41). وايضا لتمتلى حياتكم الى ملء الله.

قال يسوع في الصلاة الشفاعة من اجلنا مخاطبا الاب : "انا فيهم وانت في ليكونوا مكملين الى واحد" (يوحنا 17: 23).

يا احبائي :كل حياتنا هدفها هذه الجملة التي قالها يسوع (انا فيهم) يعني ان المسيحيين الحقيقيين هم مسكن يشغله المسيح، ان المسيح يسكن فينا فالمسيح القدوس هو قداسنا. وان كان المسيح فينا ،فالمسيح حياتنا كلها ،هكذا قال الرسول الالهى بولس "لي الحياة هي المسيح" (فيلبي 1: 21).

اخيرا احبائي: القداسة وصية ولينا وليست خيارا ،لذلك يتوجب على كل واحد منكم ان ينفذ هذه الوصية بمساعدة الروح القدس ،مهما كلفت من الالم وجهاد وتعب . ولكم القديسين الذين نعيد لهم اليوم القدوة والحافز مهما اصابكم الضعف.

يقول القديس يوحنا كرسنشتات : ينبغي على المسيحي الحقيقي ان يكون انسانا مختلفا، سماويا، جديدا، قديسا، حيا على مثال الهي، ناطقا سالكا بروح الله ،هكذا هم القديسون.

اهتموا جميعكم اذا بتربيتكم الروحية وتمرسوا على الفضائل ،استأصلوا كل افكار الشر والشهوة والكبرياء .وقدموا كل ذواتكم للرب يسوع .لا تحزنوا الروح القدس الذي فيكم، لانكم اخترتم المسيح بكل حب وحرية،لهذا يستلزم منكم ان تكونوا قديسين.

وهبكم الله بشفاعة قديسيه طول الائمة في ان تحتملوا صليب قداسكم . آمين

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MAY



أيار - مايو
2021

April 2021

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June 2021

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Liturgical Symbols:

- Abstain from meat
- Church Major Feasts
- Fast from midnight until noon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 All Saints Sunday أحد جميع القديسين Hebrews 11:33-12:1 Matthew 10:32-38, 19:27-30	31 St Hermias Romans 2:28-3:18 Matthew 6:31-34, 7:9-11					1 Holy Prophet Jeremiah Acts 12:1-11 John 8:31-42
2 Sunday of Samaritan Woman أحد السامريّة Acts 11:19-30 John 4:5-42	3 Sts Timothy and Maura Acts 12:12-17 John 8:42-51	4 St Pelagia Acts 12:25-13:12 John 8:51-59	5 Leave-taking Mid-Paschaltide وداع منتصف الخمسين Acts 13:13-24 John 6:5-14	6 Holy Prophet Job Acts 14:20-28, 15:1-4 John 9:39-10:9	7 Holy Cross over Jerusalem Acts 15:5-12 John 10:17-28	8 St John the Apostle 1 John 1:1-7 John 19:25-27, 21:24-25
9 Sunday of Man born Blind أحد الأعمى Acts 16:16-34 John 9:1-38	10 St Simon the Apostle Acts 17:1-9 John 11:47-54	11 Foundation of Constantinople Sts Cyril and Methodios Acts 17:19-28 John 12:19-36	12 Leave-taking of Easter وداع الفصح Acts 18:22-28 John 12:36-47	13 Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ صعود ربنا يسوع المسيح Acts 1:1-12 Luke 24:36-53	14 St Isidore Acts 19:1-8 John 14:1-11	15 St Achillios of Larissa Acts 20:7-12 John 14:10-21
16 Fathers of 1st Council of Nicaea أحد الآباء المجتمعين في نيقية Acts 20:16-18, 27-36 John 17:1-13	17 St Andronicos Acts 21:8-14 John 14:27-15:7	18 Sts Peter, Denis and companions Acts 21:26-32 John 16:2-13	19 St Patrick of Prussa Acts 23:1-11 John 16:15-23	20 St Thalleleos Acts 25:13-19 John 16:23-33	21 Sts Constantine and Helena Leave-taking of Ascension وداع الصعود Acts 26:1, 12-20 John 10:1-9	22 St Rita القديسة ريتا 2nd Saturday of Dead السبت الثاني للراقدين Acts 28:1-31 John 21:14-25
23 Pentecost أحد العنصرة العظيم المقدس Acts 2:1-11 John 7:37-52, 8:12	24 Monday of the Holy Spirit أثنين العنصرة Ephesians 5:8-19 Matthew 18:10-20	25 Third Finding of the Head of St John the forerunner 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Matthew 11:2-15	26 St Carpus Romans 1:18-27 Matthew 5:20-26	27 St Helladios Romans 1:28-2:10 Matthew 5:27-32	28 St Eutyches Romans 2:14-28 Matthew 5:33-41	29 Leave-taking of Pentecost وداع العنصرة Romans 1:7-12 Matthew 5:42-48

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness."

At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus.

May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.

As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected

and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with our priests and spiritual care givers. May they know that they are loved and cared for.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.

May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few,

Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.



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At St. Elias Chapel (St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church)

Tuesday through Friday at 9 A.M.

Saturday at 4 P.M.

Sunday at 11 A.M.

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in the Lord in the Hope of Resurrection
On the last Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 pm

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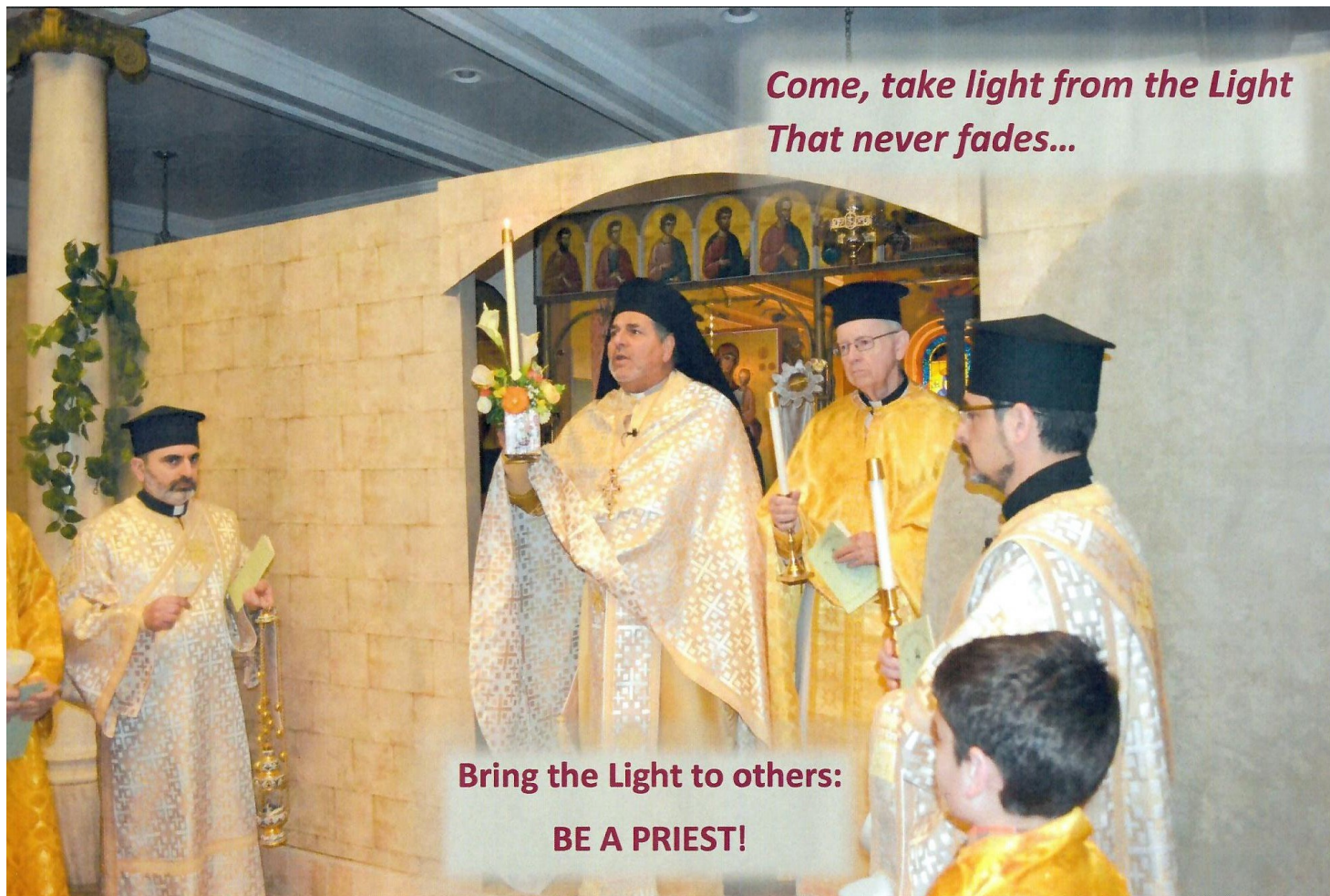
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Reopening: Stay the course on safety

What you can safely do if you're vaccinated – if you're partially vaccinated or not vaccinated, you're more likely to get and spread COVID-19 doing these activities.

Fully vaccinated means you have all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and more than 14 days have passed since your final dose

CATEGORY	BEGINNING May 7 th	BEGINNING May 28 th
MASK WEARING	Required indoors and if less than 3ft spacing outdoors	Required indoors and if less than 3ft spacing outdoors
INDOOR DINING	80% indoors, 100% outdoors, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
BAR AREAS	For indoors: seated-only and plexiglass required	Indoor standing service, no plexiglass required
CATERED EVENTS	80% up to 200 indoors, 500 outdoors, recommended/required testing*, outdoor only; standing bar service and cocktail hours	100% capacity with no cap, indoor standing bar service and cocktail hours, open dance floors
HOUSES OF WORSHIP	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
RETAIL	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
GYMS, SPORTS & REC	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
PERSONAL SERVICES	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
VENUES OF ASSEMBLY	80% up to 500 indoors, no cap outdoors, 3 ft spacing DBR/municipal approval for 2,500+ events	100% capacity with no cap, 3 ft spacing indoors DBR/municipal approval for 2,500+ indoor events
FUNERAL HOMES	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
OFFICES	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
SOCIAL GATHERINGS	Up to 25 people indoors, 75 people outdoors	No limit
SPORTS	Apr. 26: Expanded Youth Sports attendance; high-risk indoor sports permitted to have competitions	Out-of-state teams can attend in-state tournaments

*Required for student catered events; strongly recommended for other catered events

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REOPENING RI

Wear a mask that protects you and others

Wearing a face covering in public places helps protect you and anyone near you from COVID-19. **Your mask should fit snugly but comfortably over your nose, mouth, and chin without any gaps.**



RECOMMENDED

- Face mask worn the right way and at least two layers thick
- * N-95 respirators are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare providers and other first responders



NOT RECOMMENDED

- Face shield alone
- Loose-fitting bandana
- Face mask with valve
- Face mask worn the wrong way
- Neck gaiter only one layer thick

Always wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask. Wash and dry cloth face coverings after use each day. Learn more about how to handle and care for your mask at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html

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