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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Divine Liturgies

Sunday Divine Liturgy
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Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will
be available before the Divine
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Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

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



Cheesefare Sunday

أحد مرفع الجبن

Antiphon Prayer

O Creator of the Universe, You fashioned Adam from the dust of the earth. You infused him with a breath of life. You gave him dominion over the earth. By the enticement of the Serpent, he rebelled against Your Commandments and fell. You therefore exiled him from Paradise. But your Only-begotten Son was incarnate, endured Passion and restored us to the Garden of Eden which we had lost. We therefore implore You, at the threshold of Holy and Great Lent, to make us worthy of a sincere repentance, so that we may avoid even the shadow of evil and abstain from carnal pleasure in order to gain You, Divine River of Paradise that quenches the thirst of our souls. Thus, having lived according to your commandments, we may share the glory of the Resurrection of Christ, our God and Savior.

For You are long-suffering, most compassionate and You call all people to salvation; and to You we render glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Troparion of the resurrection (4th tone)

The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the apostles: Death is despoiled. Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy."

Troparion of St Basil The Great

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.

صلاة الأنديفونة

أيها الإله المبدع، لَمَّا جيلت آدم من تُراب الأرض نفخت فيه نسمة حياة، وسلطته على هذا الكون. لكنه سقط بغواية الحية، لَمَّا عصى أمرَك وتناول من الثمرة المحرمة. فنفيته من الفردوس. ولَمَّا تجسد مسيخك واحتمل الآلام رَجَلنا، وأعادنا إلى جنة عدن التي خسرتها بآدم. فنضربُ إليك، ونحنُ على عتبة الصوم الأربعيني المقدس، أن نُؤهلنا للتوبة الصادقة، فنمتنع عن كل شبه شرٍّ، ونصوم عن اللذات لنحظى بك، أنت نهر النعيم المروي نفوسنا الظمأى، وإذا ما سلكتنا سُبل وصاياك نبلغُ إلى التمتع بأمجاد قيامة المسيح إلهنا ومخلصنا.

لأنك أنت الطويل الأناة، الكثير الرحمة والداعي للجميع إلى الخلاص، ولك ينبغي كلُّ مجدٍ وإكرامٍ وسجود، أيها الاب والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكل أوان ... الشعب: آمين.

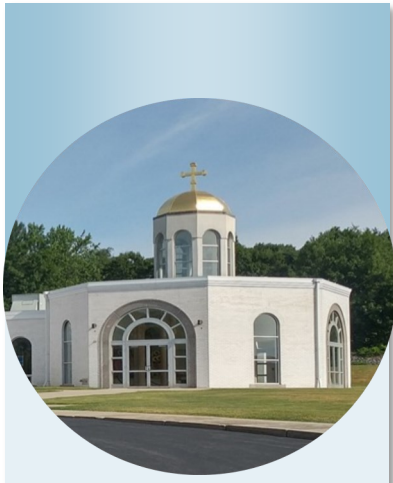
طروبارية القيامة باللحن الرابع

إن تلميذات الرب تعلمن من الملاك بشرى القيامة البهيجة. ونبذن القضاء على الجدين، وقلن للرسول مفتخرات: لقد سلب الموت، ونهض المسيح الإله، واهباً للعالم عظيم الرحمة.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقتك في كل الأرض. فإنها قد قَبِلتُ كلامك، الذي به بَيَّنت العقائد بياناً إلهياً، وأوضحت طبيعة الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الأب البار ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.





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>



Kondakion of Cheese-fare (6th Tone)

O You who guide men towards wisdom, and give them intelligence and understanding, instructor of the ignorant and helper of the poor, strengthen and enlighten my heart, O Lord, give me word, O Word of the Father, for behold I will not refrain my lips from crying out to You: O merciful One, have mercy on me who have fallen.

Epistle Romans 13:11-14:4

Prokimenon (Tone 3)

Sing praise to our God, sing praise!

Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Stichon: All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans

Brethren, now our salvation is nearer than when we came to believe. The night is far advanced: the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly as in daytime, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in debauchery and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and as for the flesh, pay no attention to its lusts. But whoever is weak in faith, receive him without arguing about opinion. For one believes he may eat all things but another who is weak, let him eat vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who does not; and let not the one who does not eat judge the one who does, for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls but he will stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Alleluia (Tone 3)

In you, O lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame.

In your Justice, save me and deliver me.

Stichon: Be for me a protecting God, a sheltering house to save me.

Gospel of Cheese-Fare Sunday, Matthew 6:14-21 (Forgiveness & Fasting)

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their offenses, neither will your father forgive you your offenses. And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, who disfigure their faces in order to appear to men as fasting. Amen I say to you they have had their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not be seen by men to fast, but by your father, who is in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where worm and rodent consume, and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither worm nor rodent consumes, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will be your heart."

قنداق مرفع الجبن الختام باللحن السادس
 أيها الهادي إلى الحكمة، وواهب الفطنة، ومثقف
 الجهال، ومجرب المساكين، شدّد قلبي وامنحه فهماً،
 أيها السيد، وأعطني كلاماً، يا كلمة الآب. فها أنا لن
 أمسيك شفيعي عن الصرخ اليك: أيها الرحيم، ارحمني
 أنا الواقع.

مقدمة الرسالة

رَبِّمُوا لِإِلَهِنَا رَبِّمُوا، رَبِّمُوا لِمَلِكِنَا رَبِّمُوا
 يَا جَمِيعَ الْأُمَمِ صَفِّقُوا بِالْأَيْدِي، هَلِّلُوا لِلَّهِ بِصَوْتِ
 الْإِبْتِهَاجِ

الرسالة (رومة 13: 11 ج إلى 14: 4)

يا إخوة، أن الخلاص أقرب إلينا الآن مما كان حين
 أمنا. قد تناهى الليل وأقترت النهار، فلنخلع اذن أعمال
 الظلمة، ونلبس اسلحة النور. لنسلكن سلوكاً لائقاً كما
 في النهار، لا بالقصوف والسكر، ولا بالمضاجع
 والعهر، ولا بالخصام والحسد. بل لبسوا الرب يسوع
 المسيح، ولا تهتموا بالجسد لقضاء شهواته. من كان
 ضعيفاً في الإيمان فقبلوه بغير مباحثة في الآراء. من
 الناس من يعتقد أن له ان يأكل كل شيء، أما الضعيف
 فيأكل بقولاً. فلا يزدري الذي يأكل من لا يأكل، ولا يدين
 الذي يأكل من لا يأكل، لأن الله قد قبله. أنت من أنت
 يامن يدين عبد غيره، انه لمولاه يثبت أو يسقط، لكنه
 سيثبت لأن الله قادر أن يثبتهُ.

هللوا

عليك يا رب توكلت، فلا أحرز إلي الابد، بعدلك نجني
 وانتشلني

كن لي إلهاً محامياً وبيت ملجأ لخلاصي

انجيل أحد مرفع الجبن

(متى 6: 14-21)

قال الرب: إن غفرتكم للناس زلاتيهم، يغفر لكم أيضاً
 أبوك السماوي زلاتكم. وإن لم تغفروا للناس زلاتهم،
 فأبوك أيضاً لا يغفر لكم زلاتكم. وإذا صمتتم فلا
 تكونوا معبسين كالمرايين فإنهم يُنكرون وجوههم
 ليظهروا للناس صائمين. الحق أقول لكم، انهم قد
 نالوا اجرهم. أما أنت فإذا صمت، فادهن رأسك
 وأغسل وجهك، لئلا تظهر للناس صائماً بك لأبيك
 الذي في الخفية، وأبوك الذي ينظر في الخفية هو
 يجازيك علانية. لا تكتنوا لكم كنوزاً على الارض، حيث
 يُفسد السوس والصدأ، وحيث ينقب السارقون
 ويسرقون. لكن اكنوا لكم كنوزاً في السماء، حيث لا
 يفسد سوس ولا صدأ، ولا ينقب السارقون ولا
 يسرقون. فإنه حيث يكون كنزكم هناك يكون قلبكم
 أيضاً



Divine Liturgy Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023: SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE. SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE PASCHA.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **FRED KANAKRY (1st Anniv.)** by the Family.
- + **RICHARD COLABELLA (30th Anniv.)** by the Family.
- + **JAMES ALLAM (45th Anniv.)** by the Family.
- + **MARY TAHAN (Birthday Remem.)** by sister Christine.
- + **JOSEPH A. NOURY (Birthday Remem.)** by his Daughters & their Families.
- + **GLORIA RAWAN RAZOOK** by M/M V. Edward Fayan.
- + **DENISE M. GARVEY (Birthday Remem.)** by Shirley Moon Lemay.
- + **DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS of NAJIB & SAYDEH HANA** by the Family of the late Louis E. Azar.

11:15 DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE** by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.
- + **VIOLETTE (HAGGAR) SAGGAL (Australia)** by Bishara & Wafaa Tahhan.
- + **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ)** by Ron & Tina Isbitsky.
- + **JULIA, FRED, ELIAS J. KISHFY** by M/M Norman E.Kishfy.
- + **MARIE SAURIOL** by Dr. Jason Boudjouk & Jiana Daikh.



Prayer for the dead



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

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





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: February 19, 2023: Budgets: \$2,310.00: Envelopes: \$2,155.00, Loose: \$155.00; Candles: \$107.00; Building Fund: \$145.00; Stole Offerings: \$235.00; Fuel: \$372.00.

TODAY, FEB. 19, there will be a special collection taken up for the **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM.** Please be generous in your support to help defray the cost of books, paper stock, visual aids, and all that is involved to perfect our program and meet present day standards in this field of education.

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

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.

2023 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS are available – free for the taking – at both entrances of the church. By following the liturgical cycle of the church year and remembering the Saints each day is an excellent way to attach yourself more closely to the worshipping community that is the church.

ENVELOPE USERS: It would be helpful to us if you could please check off the amount on the outside of the budget envelope. This will allow for more efficiency and accuracy in the recording of your budgets. Thank you kindly! Also, it has been observed that some people have forgotten to fill their budget envelopes with their offering (some sealed, others unsealed), and it is awkward to put us in this kind of position. We humbly ask you to be more careful in this regard.

IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE: Please continue to remember in your prayers all the needs of the parish family, the sick and suffering, those who have asked for our prayers, the priests and bishops of the Catholic Church, those people who have been denied their basic human rights and dignity, the oppressed, the lonely, the homeless and those who suffer, and those who have no peace of mind or heart.

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: All the faithful who have recently changed their address or who are planning to do so, 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.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
receive, seek and you
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RULE OF FASTING IN THE DIOCESE OF NEWTON

So as not to burden anyone’s conscience, the Holy Synod of the Melkite Church permits each diocesan Bishop to ease the canonical obligations of fasting, while, at the same time, exhorts all the faithful to fast according to the ancient tradition. The minimal rule that Melkites in the Diocese of Newton must observe: *Fasting* from all food and drink from midnight until noon, must be observed on the first day of Great Lent (Monday, February 20th), and on the last three days of Holy Week (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). *Abstinence*, at least from meat, must be observed on every Friday of Great Lent. These requirements are the minimum. The faithful are encouraged to do more, such as also abstaining from meat every Wednesday or throughout the whole of Great Lent.

THE GREAT AND HOLY TIME OF LENT

Great Lent involves deepening of our prayer life. This includes private prayer as well as the services mentioned below.

An important facet of Lent is Almsgiving. The “Shepherd’s Care” mandated in our Melkite parishes and missions throughout the United States is one good way to put the Almsgiving into practice. Various Services will be conducted during the weekdays of Lent, thereby making it convenient for more people.

Monday, February 20, 2023:	6:30 p.m.	Forgiveness Vespers
Wednesday, February 22, 2023:	6:30 p.m.	Great Compline
Friday, February 24, 2023:	6.30 p.m.	Akathist Hymn

The following weeks, services will be held on Wednesdays (Presanctified Liturgy and Great Compline will be celebrated alternately), and Fridays (Akathist Hymn) at 6:30 p.m.

REFLECTION: “The best index to a person’s character is how he treats people who can’t do him any good, and how he treats people who can’t fight back.” - Abigail Van Buren

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Following Jesus Kids bulletin



Lenten Calendar for children

This calendar has a little activity for every day of lent.

First Week

Sunday <i>Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert but He resisted.</i> • Write down something that you are often tempted to do and pray to your guardian angel to resist it.	Sunday <i>Jesus accepted His Father's will, saying "Thy will be done!"</i> • Ask Mom or Dad what they want you to do and do it without complaining.
Monday <i>After the Last Supper Jesus went out to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.</i> • After supper take some time to thank God. 5	Tuesday <i>Jesus took His friends Peter, James and John with him.</i> • Say a prayer with your brother, sister or friend. 6
Wednesday <i>Jesus knew what He would have to suffer.</i> • Look at a crucifix and tell Jesus that you accept whatever suffering He sends you. 7	Thursday <i>Peter denied knowing Jesus three times before the cock crowed.</i> • Pray: O my Jesus, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee. 11
Friday <i>Judas, one of the apostles, betrayed Jesus to His enemies with a kiss.</i> • Give Mom or Dad a hug and show you love them by your actions. 9	Saturday Pray to Our Lady: <i>Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor, banished children of Eve! To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.</i> 10

Second Week

Monday <i>Jesus submitted to His arrest even though He was innocent.</i> • Pray for people who are in jail- those who are guilty as well as the innocent. 11	Tuesday <i>The mob hit Jesus and spit on Him.</i> • If you have money, give some to the poor. Otherwise say a prayer for them. 12
Wednesday <i>Peter denied knowing Jesus three times before the cock crowed.</i> • Pray: O my Jesus, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee. 13	Thursday <i>Jesus spent the night in prison after he was arrested.</i> • Say an 'Our Father' right before you go to sleep. 14
Friday <i>Early the next morning He was brought to trial.</i> • When you wake up pray: Everything today I offer to You, O Lord! 15	Saturday Pray to Our Lady: <i>Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ!</i> 16

Third Week

Monday <i>Pilate condemned Jesus to be scourged at the pillar.</i> • Pray: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy. 17	Tuesday <i>The soldiers took off Jesus' clothes and tied Him to a pillar.</i> • Sit on a hard chair for one minute and think of Jesus being scourged. 18
Wednesday <i>The soldiers whipped Jesus many times.</i> • Kneel and say a 'Glory Be.' 19	Thursday <i>Jesus bled so much that He became weak.</i> • Drink water instead of juice or pop today. 20
Friday <i>The soldiers roughly put the clothes back on Jesus.</i> • Be gentle to your friends or brothers and sisters, especially if they are sad. 21	Saturday Pray to Our Lady: <i>The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit. (say a Hail Mary) "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done unto me according to thy word." (say a Hail Mary) And the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us. (say a Hail Mary.)</i> 22

Fourth Week

Sunday <i>The Scribes and Pharisees were angry at Jesus because he cured a blind man on the Sabbath.</i> • Take some time to read a book about God or a saint.	Sunday <i>Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead.</i> • Pray for the souls in Purgatory: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.
Monday <i>The soldiers made a crown of sharp thorns and put it on Jesus.</i> • Have you ever thought unkindly of others? Imagine having a crown of thorns as punishment! 23	Tuesday <i>The Soldiers mocked Jesus, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!"</i> • Look at a crucifix and tell Jesus that He is your king. 24
Wednesday <i>Jesus was beaten with rods and spit upon.</i> • Say something kind about a person who is made fun of. 25	Thursday <i>Pilate set Jesus before the people, saying "Behold the Man!"</i> • Find a picture of Jesus crowned with thorns and look at it for a minute, or else draw one. 26
Friday <i>They shouted, "Crucify Him!"</i> • Say an Act of Contrition: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. I detest all of my sins because of Thy just punishment, but most of all because they offend Thee my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen. 27	Saturday Pray to Our Lady: <i>My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and, in proof of my affection I give you my eyes, my ears, my tongue, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Since I am your own, keep me and guard me at your property and possession. Amen.</i> 28

Fifth Week

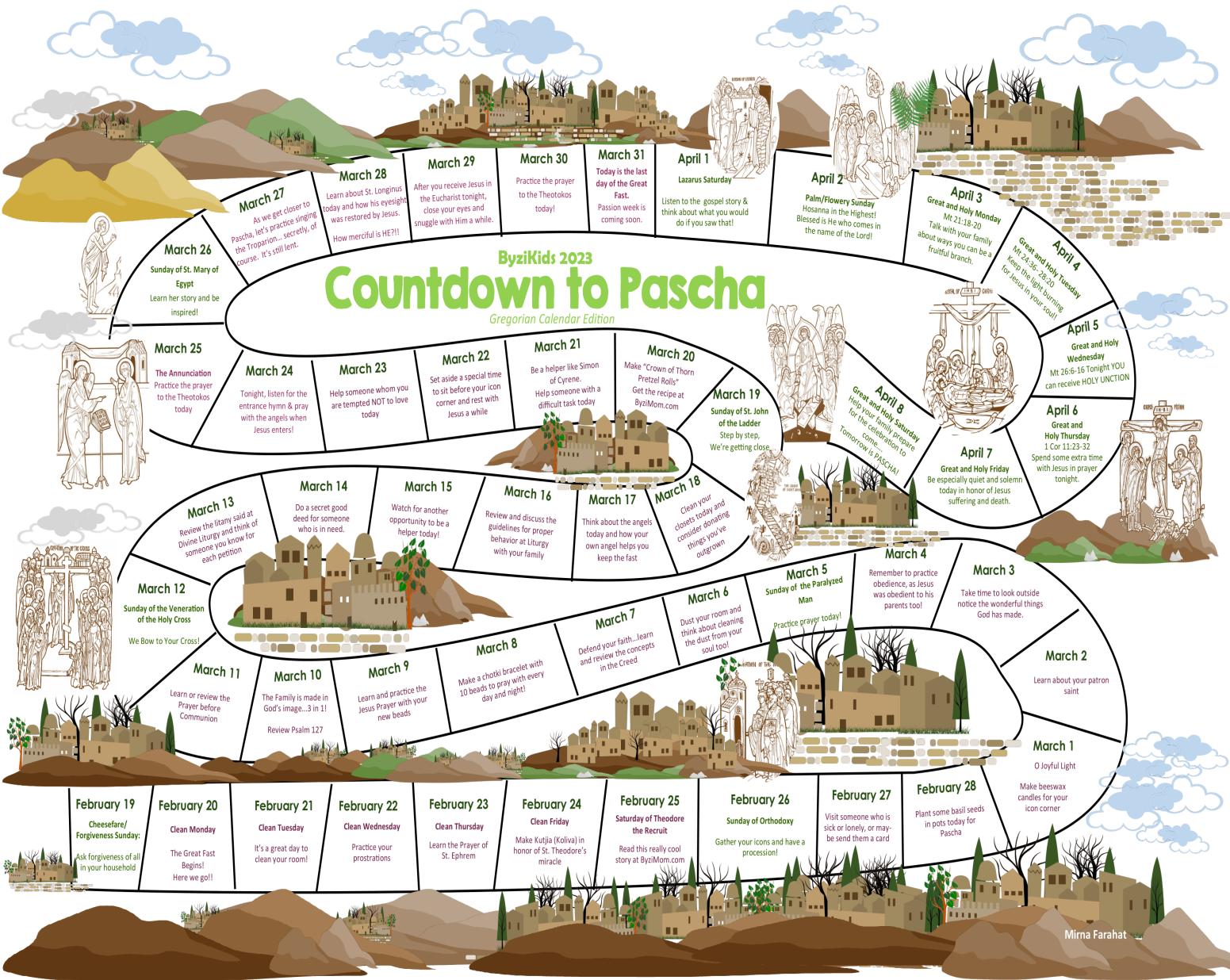
Monday <i>Jesus willingly took up the cross.</i> • Ask Mom or Dad for a hard job and do it! 29	Tuesday <i>Jesus fell three times while carrying His cross.</i> • Pray for someone who is sick. Visit them if you can. 30
Wednesday <i>Simon of Cyrene was made to help Jesus carry the cross because Jesus was too weak.</i> • Help one of your parents or siblings with their work today. 31	Thursday <i>The crowds of people watched Jesus carrying the cross.</i> • Talk with a friend or brother or sister about Jesus carrying the cross. 32
Friday <i>The women of Jerusalem wept for Jesus, Who consoled them.</i> • Pray for mothers who are expecting babies. 33	Saturday <i>Jesus and His Mother met on His way to Calvary.</i> • Find a picture of Our Lady of Sorrows and look at it for a minute or else draw one. 34

Holy Week

Monday <i>When they got to the top of the hill the soldiers roughly tore off Jesus' clothes.</i> • Thank God for your clothes and put them away neatly when you go to bed. 35	Tuesday <i>They laid Jesus on the cross and nailed his hands and feet to it.</i> • Look at your hands and imagine nails in them. Thank Jesus for all He suffered. 36
Wednesday <i>The soldiers lifted the cross so that Jesus was hanging from the nails in his hands and feet.</i> • Kneel in front of a crucifix and pray an 'Our Father.' 37	Holy Thursday <i>Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper, "Love one another as I have loved you."</i> • Think of someone who hurt or offended you. Forgive that person. 38
Good Friday <i>Jesus died on the cross.</i> • Look at a crucifix for two minutes and think of how much Jesus loves you. 39	Holy Saturday <i>Our Lady's day</i> • Sit quietly for one minute and think how Mary felt after Jesus died. 40

ByziKids 2023 Countdown to Pascha

Gregorian Calendar Edition



February 19
Cheesefare/
Forgiveness Sunday:
Ask forgiveness of all
in your household

February 20
Clean Monday
The Great Fast
Begins!
Here we go!!

February 21
Clean Tuesday
It's a great day to
clean your room!

February 22
Clean Wednesday
Practice your
prostrations

February 23
Clean Thursday
Learn the Prayer of
St. Ephrem

February 24
Clean Friday
Make Kutija (Koliva) in
honor of St. Theodore's
miracle

February 25
Saturday of Theodore
the Recruit
Read this really cool
story at ByziMom.com

February 26
Sunday of Orthodoxy
Gather your icons and have a
procession!

February 27
Visit someone who is
sick or lonely, or may-
be send them a card

February 28
Plant some basil seeds
in pots today for
Pascha

March 1
O Joyful Light
Make beeswax
candles for your
icon corner

March 2
Learn about your patron
saint

March 3
Take time to look outside
notice the wonderful things
God has made.

March 4
Remember to practice
obedience, as Jesus
was obedient to his
parents too!

March 5
Sunday of the Paralyzed
Man
Practice prayer today!

March 6
Dust your room and
think about cleaning
the dust from your
soul too!

March 7
Defend your faith...Learn
and review the concepts
in the Creed

March 8
Make a choiki bracelet with
10 beads to pray with every
day and night!

March 9
Learn and practice the
Jesus Prayer with your
new beads

March 10
The Family is made in
God's image...3 in 1!
Review Psalm 127

March 11
Learn or review the
Prayer before
Communion

March 12
Sunday of the Veneration
of the Holy Cross
We Bow to Your Cross!

March 13
Review the litany said at
Divine Liturgy and think
of someone you know for
each petition

March 14
Do a secret good
deed for someone
who is in need.

March 15
Watch for another
opportunity to be a
helper today!

March 16
Review and discuss the
guidelines for proper
behavior at Liturgy
with your family

March 17
Think about the angels
today and how your
own angel helps you
keep the fast

March 18
Clean your
closets today and
consider donating
things you've
outgrown

March 19
Sunday of St. John
of the Ladder
Step by step,
We're getting close

March 20
Make "Crown of Thorn
Pretzel Rolls"
Get the recipe at
ByziMom.com

March 21
Be a helper like Simon
of Cyrene.
Help someone with a
difficult task today

March 22
Set aside a special time
to sit before your icon
corner and rest with
Jesus a while

March 23
Help someone whom you
are tempted NOT to love
today

March 24
Tonight, listen for the
entrance hymn & pray
with the angels when
Jesus enters!

March 25
The Annunciation
Practice the prayer
to the Theotokos
today

March 26
Sunday of St. Mary of
Egypt
Learn her story and be
inspired!

March 27
As we get closer to
Pascha, let's practice singing
the Troparion...secretly, of
course. It's still lent.

March 28
Learn about St. Longinus
today and how his eyesight
was restored by Jesus.
How merciful is HE?!!

March 29
After you receive Jesus in
the Eucharist tonight,
close your eyes and
struggle with Him a while.

March 30
Practice the prayer
to the Theotokos
today!

March 31
Today is the last
day of the Great
Fast.
Passion week is
coming soon.

April 1
Lazarus Saturday
Listen to the gospel story &
think about what you would
do if you saw that!

April 2
Palm/Flowerly Sunday
Hosanna in the Highest!
Blessed is He who comes in
the name of the Lord!

April 3
Great and Holy Monday
Mt. 21:18-20
Talk with your family
about ways you can be a
fruitful branch.

April 4
Great and Holy Tuesday
Mt. 23:27-30
Keep the light burning
for Jesus in your soul

April 5
Great and Holy
Wednesday
Mt. 26:6-16 Tonight YOU
can receive HOLY UNCTION

April 6
Great and
Holy Thursday
1 Cor 11:23-32
Spend some extra time
with Jesus in prayer
tonight.

April 7
Great and Holy Friday
Be especially quiet and solemn
today in honor of Jesus
suffering and death.

April 8
Great and Holy Saturday
Help your family prepare
for the celebration to
Come...
Tomorrow is PASCHA!

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2023

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SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week JANUARY 29TH 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>TRIODION WEEKS</i></p> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 5TH 	The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 12TH FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY 	The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare FEBRUARY 19TH FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY 	Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1ST Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 26TH 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i></p> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2ND Sunday of Lent MARCH 5TH 	ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3RD Sunday of Lent MARCH 12TH 	VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4TH Sunday of Lent MARCH 19TH 	ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5TH Sunday of Lent MARCH 26TH 	ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
PALM SUNDAY APRIL 2ND GREAT WEEK BEGINS 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i></p> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 7TH 	GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 9TH NO FASTING! 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>BRIGHT WEEK</i></p> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

Forgiveness Sunday

Tomorrow is Monday. Not just any Monday, but Clean Monday, the first day of Clean Week, the beginning of Great Lent, a time of particular prayer and fasting. Great Lent will take us on a journey through forty days, or six weeks, to Lazarus Saturday, Palm Sunday and then Holy Week. At the end of that Week, God willing, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Night. For we are now fifty days exactly from Easter Day.

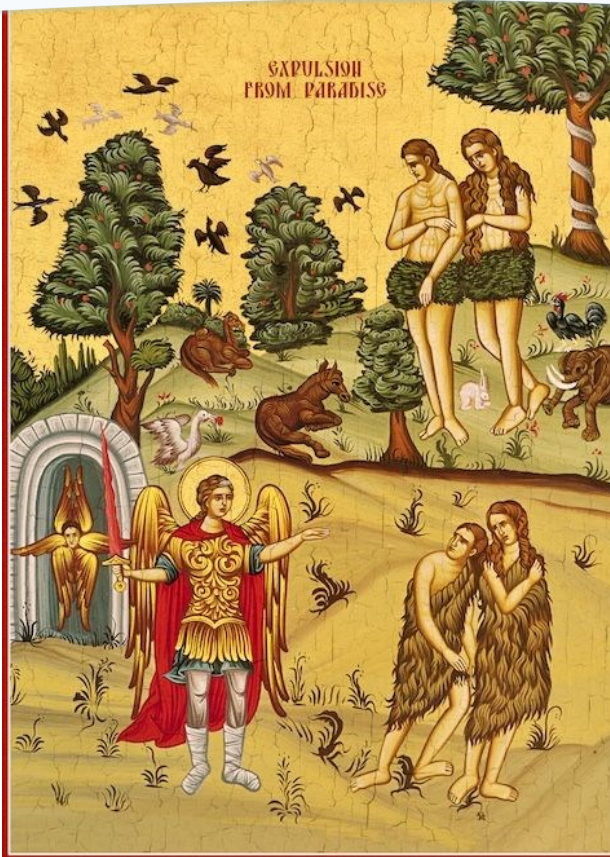
This Sunday is known as Forgiveness Sunday, and also Cheesfare Sunday for it is the last day on which we may eat dairy produce. On it we remember the Fall of Adam and Eve and how they lost Paradise by eating 'the forbidden fruit', which is why we fast, eating only 'the permitted fruit'. How exactly did that Fall happen?

We know from the Scriptures that the first man and the first woman lived in Paradise, in Eden. We know also that they walked with God, meaning that they lived in harmony and communion with God, suffering neither sin, nor sorrow, neither aging, nor death.

We know also that they disobeyed God. The cause of their disobedience was in the temptation of pride: they thought that they knew better than their Maker. Creation, given freedom, thought that it was greater than the Creator. The fact that the first man and first woman preferred to trust in themselves, rather than in God, to trust in their proud self-importance, led to their fall from communion with God. But once they had rejected God, they also rejected freedom from sin and its result, sorrow, and freedom from aging and its result, death.

The cure for their Fall was made clear to them; it was in doing the opposite of all they had done. Instead of disobedience, they needed obedience; instead of pride, they needed humility. In other words they had to turn back on what they had done in repentance and ask forgiveness. At first they had been unable to do this. When God had first spoken to Adam and Eve after their act of disobedience, Adam had blamed Eve, and Eve had blamed the serpent. Neither had had the humility to take responsibility for his errors and ask for forgiveness. It was not that God did not know what they had done; it was simply that He wanted to give them the opportunity to ask Him, and to ask each other, for forgiveness. Instead they blamed each other and in the process blamed God their Maker. We can hear the Devil laughing.

To us, as children of Adam and Eve, God also gives opportunities to ask for forgiveness, as Adam and Eve should have done. He gives us the sacrament of Confession. Confession does not exist because God wants to



know what we have done or left undone. He already knows that. Confession exists because God is giving us an opportunity to own up to our mistakes and failings. He wants us to ask for forgiveness, so that we can then take strength from Him through the prayers of the priest, so as to clean ourselves and strive not to repeat our mistakes.

Giving and receiving forgiveness is an action that purifies and that opens the door for even greater things. The more the soul is filled with God the more He calls it to move further beyond. If we refuse to forgive, it is not that God is unable to forgive us. Forgiveness shines from the Cross for all whether we desire it or not. But if we refuse to forgive, then we cannot know forgiveness for ourselves. We will not recognize what it is when it comes. "In thy light we shall see light," we sing every Sunday because only in God can we know God. So it is with forgiveness. Only by forgiving can we recognize and come to embrace forgiveness

and if we are in God, then forgiveness flows from us. It is a movement that goes both ways. For if forgiveness does not flow from us to others, then it is a sign that we have not embraced it for ourselves.

God does not need our confession, but we do.

Every confession is a repeat, in the New Eden of the Church, of that opportunity given to Adam and Eve in Eden, to ask God for forgiveness.

Unlike human-beings, God always forgives those who sincerely, with repentance, ask Him for forgiveness.

However, before we ask forgiveness of God, we first have to ask forgiveness of each other.

And just at this time, on Forgiveness Sunday and all during Clean Week, it is our custom throughout the world to come to Confession, to ask God for forgiveness, preparing ourselves for Communion next Sunday. First, therefore, we must ask each other for forgiveness. We can ask forgiveness of those who are not here by visiting them or telephoning them. But of those who are here, we can now ask forgiveness directly, for all our errors towards them in thought, word or deed, whether conscious or unconscious.

For if we do not first ask each other for forgiveness, we cannot ask God for forgiveness. And without forgiveness, there is no way back into Paradise for any of us.

Forgive me, brothers and sisters.

When you fast

Jesus said, 'and when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your father who sees in secret will reward you:'

Matthew 6: 16-18 (Gospel of Cheesefare Sunday)



When people think of the word "Lent," the word "fasting" is one of the first things that comes to mind. The cornerstone of Lent is not fasting, but repentance and growing in our faith. Fasting is a tool that is used to assist in spiritual growth. Fasting is also mischaracterized as a form of deprivation, rather than a spiritual discipline. Because fasting is so misunderstood, it is many times done incorrectly.

In the Orthodox world, we use the word "passions" to describe tendencies that each person has that lead us to sin. Each of us has a "passion" for anger, lust, power, greed, ego, etc. We do not get through life without wrestling with each of these, sometimes on a daily basis. The most basic "passion" is hunger. While we can go a day without a lustful thought or an angry thought, we can't go more than a few hours without a hungry thought. So, if we can tame our passion for eating, we can hopefully tame our other passions. If we can discipline ourselves to go without certain kinds of food, we can hopefully discipline ourselves so that we can go without certain kinds of behavior that are spiritually destructive. Thus, fasting is not about giving up something only to get it back. Fasting is about getting control of our passions, maintaining control over them, and ultimately giving control of ourselves to God.

If you've never fasted before, I would not recommend doing a strict fast. Try fasting from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent (and then throughout the year), then next year try fasting Wednesdays and Fridays plus all of the first week of Lent and all of Holy Week. Then work up from that.

Below is a guide of some levels of fasting:

- Level one -- Fast from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays and during Holy Week
- Level two -- Fast from meat and fish on Wednesdays and Fridays and during Holy Week
- Level three -- Fast from meat the entirety of Lent and Holy Week
- Level four -- Fast from meat and fish the entirety of Lent and Holy Week
- Level five -- Level four and eliminate dairy products during Holy Week
- Level six -- Level four and eliminate dairy products on Wednesday and Fridays and during Holy Week.
- Level seven -- Level four plus eliminate dairy products during all of Lent and Holy Week
- Level eight -- Level seven plus eliminate oil and wine during Holy Week
- Level nine -- The strict fast - no meat, fish, dairy products, wine or oil during the entirety of Great Lent

***Fish is allowed on March 25 (Annunciation) and Palm Sunday; oil and wine are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays, except for Holy Saturday.*

After a few years at one level, challenge yourself to go up a level.

More important, however, than fasting from food, is fasting from the behaviors that are spiritually destructive. We need to fast from things that get us in trouble - perhaps the television, alcohol, inappropriate materials on the computer and in movies, foul language, etc. Fasting also does not mean "looking" deprived, complaining about what you can't eat, or making a show of your fasting. In fact, if you are fasting and you are invited to someone's home for dinner and they serve meat, eat the meat, don't make a big deal out of your fasting. Also, do not pass judgment on others who are not fasting to the degree you are. Saint Paul reminds us in Romans 14:3-4: "Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own Master that he stands or falls." As Christ tells us, our fasting is seen by our "Father who is in secret," and He will reward us for our efforts.

Again, Lent is not a season of deprivation, nor should we "give up" something only to get it back once Lent is over. Lent is about repentance, and making small and permanent changes to bring us closer to the Lord, changes that will last long after Lent is over. This is the purpose of the Lenten journey. Fasting is an aid to help us in this.

The time has come - the start of our spiritual contests, the victory over demons, the full armor of self-control the angels' dignity, the confidence before God. Thereby did Moses become conversant with the Creator, and heard the invisible voice. Lord, through fasting make us worthy to worship Your Passion and Holy Resurrection, as You love humanity. (Doxastikon of Orthros, Cheesefare Sunday, Trans. by Fr. Seraphim Dedes)

Give some thought to your fasting plan for Lent today!

الصوم . المحبة والمسامحة (مرفع الجبن)



ان تغفر ذنوب الاخرين دائما يعتبر امر في غاية الصعوبة ، فنحن بشر لنا طبيعة ضعيفة ، فكرامتنا وعزة النفس التي نملكها تمنعنا من ان نغفر او تجعلنا متمزتين براينا ولا نقبل الاخرين .

فكيف ان نسامح من خدعنا وجرحنا واراد الشر . فهل كان الرب يسوع يعلم بصعوبة هذا الامر؟ نعم بالتأكيد كان يعلم بذلك ، لذلك يعتبر الغفران عنصر اساسي في الايمان المسيحي.

لقد علمنا يسوع منذ بداية رسالته على الارض على ضرورة الغفران وذلك من خلال الصلاة الابانا علمها لتلاميذه ولنا نحن من بعدهم ، اذا من الواجب والضروري ان نغفردنوب الاخرين لكن نحن ننال الغفران ، الغفران يتطلب محبة كبيرة وايمان كبير وشجاعة لكي نستطيع ان نغفر وفي نفس الوقت ننال الغفران .

فلقد ارانا يسوع يجسده البشري الضعيف قوة ايمانه بالله الاب وكيفية تحمل الام والصليب وطلب ان تغفر ذنوب جلاديه وصاليه ، فالبعض منا يقول بانهم ليسوا بيسوع لكي يستطيعوا ان يغفروا ذنوب الاخرين . هذا الكلام غير صحيح وغير مثمر ، بل يعني اننا لم نفهم رسالة يسوع ودعوة يسوع الحقيقية لنا ،

فنحن يجب ان نكون اقوياء ، ثابتين في الايمان لكي نستطيع غفران ذنوب الاخرين . هذه القوة التي نالها تلاميذ المسيح حين حل الروح القدس عليهم ، ونحن من بعدهم حين نقبل الروح القدس ونتركه يعمل فينا . (لنا امثلة كثيرة من الرسل والقديسين سلخوا في نفس طريق معلمهم يسوع لكي يكونوا لنا ايضا مثالا صالحا في الغفران ، مثل القديس استفانوس .

الشيطان يحاول دائما العمل في نقاط ضعفنا ، في الكبرياء وعزة النفس ، نعم الشيطان يجربنا كما حاول من قبل ان يجرب الرب يسوع ، لكن الرب يسوع استطاع ان يتغلب على الشيطان بطبيعته البشرية ، اذا نحن ايضا لنا القدرة على ان نتغلب على الشيطان بايماننا بان الرب يسوع صلب ومات وقام من بين الاموات ، كل هذا من اجل مغفرة خطايانا .

ايها الاحياء: الله يقول لنا في هذا النص الذي قراناه الآن : مهما كانت فسوة وعناد الانسان فامام المحبة والغفران يستلم ويضعف وتخور قوته ، اي ان المحبة تقوى على كل جبروت . لن تستطيعوا ان تغفروا او تسامحوا من القلب الا اذا طلبتم المساعدة من الله لانكم في الحقيقة امام عدو شرس وخبيث يوحي لكم بان الاهانة كبيرة ، ابن الكرامة .. انت مجني عليك . فاهزموا عدوكم الحقيقي اولا بطلب القوة من الله لتغفروا .

عندما تغفروا من قلبكم بقوة من الله فستتمتعون بشعور جديد لم تحسوه من قبل ، هو شعور بانكم فعلا تحبون هذا الشخص وعلى استعدادكم لمساعدته ، تشعرون باحساس الفرحة وبانكم تطيرون فوق الارض بحرية .

لذلك يا احبابي : فان الصوم ليس فترة تعذيب للذات ، انما هو فترة تسودها المحبة والشعور بمحبة وفيضان النور علينا ، الصوم هو فترة يملؤها النعم والبركات السماوية التي يسكبها الله في قلوبنا وفي حياتنا .

الصوم هو فترة نتعلم فيها المحبة ، والمحبة هي كل شيء في المسيحية ومتى وجد الانسان المحبة وجد الله المحبة ، وهذا ما يعنيه قول الانجيل : ان غفرت للناس ذنوبهم يغفر اباكم السماوي زلاتكم ، والمحبة لا يقابلها الا المحبة .

ولكم اخيرا يا احبتي جميعا: ان تكونوا من داخلين الى الملكوت وليكون صومكم مباركا ومفعما بالنعم السماوية وصياما سهلا موصلا لجميعنا الى الملكوت السماوي .

ان غفرت للناس ذنوبهم يغفر لكم ابوكم السماوي ايضا

فان جاع عدوك فاطعمه وان عطش فاسقه ، لانك ان فعلت هذا تجمع جمر نار على راسه (روم 12-21)

ايها الاحياء : ها نحن في الاحد السابع قبل الفصح وايضا نحن في الاحد الرابع من احاد التهيئة للصيام الكبير والاخير فيها .

ان هذا اليوم معروف بمرفع الجبن ويسمى كذلك باحد الغفران ، حيث غدا ندخل باذن الله الصيام الكبير المقدس . الذي هو ليس بنظام اكل خاص فقط وانما هو اعمق من ذلك بكثير ها نحن داخلون فترة حرب وجهاد روحي مع قوى الشر الكامنة فينا .

فليس الهدف ان نصوم عن طعام فقط وانما نحن نحارب شهواتنا ومغريات هذا العالم

يقول القديس بولس الرسول في رسالته اليوم ، علينا ان نهتم باجسادنا لقضاء حاجاتها كالاكل او الملابس انتم تعرفون المثل الانجيلي الذي يقول : انظروا الى طيور السماء انها لا تزرع ولا تحصد وابوكم السماوي يقيتها . لذلك لا تنتهوا للمأكل او الملابس ، علينا ان نكنز في فترة الصوم لنا كنوزا في السماء تقربنا من الله ، ونساعدنا ان نرت الملكوت السماوي .

ايها الاحياء في صلواتنا السحرية لهذا اليوم كما في انجيل اليوم هناك محوران تدور حولها كل صلواتنا وطقوسنا لهذا اليوم .

المحور الاول : هو اقامة تذكارات لطراد آدم من الفردوس ، الذي جلس هناك بيكي ، ألا يشبه طرد آدم وحواء من الفردوس حالة الانسان بعد السقوط ، حالة البكاء والشقاء التي تستحق التوبة والنحيب ، كما تقول التراتيل عندنا.

السبب لطراد آدم وحواء من الفردوس هو غياب الصوم ، فالصوم هو الاداة التي تعيد المصالحة بين الادميين والله .

يقول القديس باسيليوس الكبير : بدأ الصوم في الفردوس ، لا تأكل من شجرة الخير والشر ، طرد ابوين الاولين من الفردوس بسبب عدم الصوم . بالصوم نحن ندخل الى الملكوت .

المحور الثاني: هو الغفران ، اي طلب الغفران من الله ووهب الغفران للقرين ، هذا ما يتكلم عنه انجيل اليوم . اذ يتكلم عن غفران الله وغفراننا للاخرين مباشرة قبل كلامه عن الصوم ، لاجل هذا الكنيسة تنهي استعدادها للصوم بالغفران لكي ندخل الصوم بالفرح وبالسلام وبالقوة .

هذا يعني اننا سنتصالح مع الله بالصوم الذي نبداه بالغفران للقرين والمصالحة معه ، قد يكون من السهل ان نساعد الفقير ونحسن الى انسان غريب او قريب ، لكن الاصعب هو ان نسامح الانسان القريب .

لهذا وضعت الكنيسة في طقوسها ، والطقس يعني اسلوب المنظور والعمل لممارسة الايمان ، ان يلتقي المسيحيون اليوم مساء احد الغفران في صلاة الغروب . حيث يتبادلون في نهاية الصلاة القبلة الاخوية ويصافح كل منهم الآخر ويقول له سامحيني يا اخي لاجل المسيح . علامة للمصالحة والمحبة التامة .

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR



FEBRUARY	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>شباط – فبراير 2023</p> <p>JANUARY 2023</p> <p>S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>MARCH 2023</p> <p>S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>				1 Preparation of Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple 2 Peter 3:1-18 Mark 13:24-31	2 ✠ Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple دخول السيد إلى الهيكل Hebrews 7:7-17 Luke 2:22-41	3 Sts Simeon & Anna 1 John 2:7-17 Mark 14:3-9	4 St Isidore of Pelusium 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 20:45-21:4
	5 Sunday of the Prodigal Son أحد الابن الضالط 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32	6 St Eilan 1 John 2:18-3:8 Mark 11:1-11	7 St Luke the Greek 1 John 3:9-22 Mark 14:10-42	8 🐟 Holy Prophet Zechariah 1 John 3:21-4:11 Mark 14:43-15:1	9 Leave-taking of the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord 1 John 4:20-5:21 Mark 15:1-15	10 🐟 St Charalampos 2 John 1-13 Mark 15:22-25, 33-41	11 First Saturday of the dead السبت الأول للراقيين 1 Corinthians 10:23-29 Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36
	12 Meat-fare Sunday أحد مرفع اللحم 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Matthew 25:31-46	13 🐟 St Martinian 3 John 1:1-15 Luke 19:29-40, 22:7-39	14 🐟 St Maron the Hermit Jude 1:1-10 Luke 22:39-42, 45-23:1	15 🐟 St Onesimos Romans 14:6-9 Mt 26:57-75	16 🐟 St Pamphilos and his companions Jude 1:11-25 Luke 23:2-34, 44-56	17 🐟 St Theodore Ephesus 5:8-19 John 19:25-37	18 🐟 St Leo Pope of Rome Saturday of Ascetics سبت جميع الآباء النساك Romans 14:19-23, 16:25-27 Matthew 6:1-13
	19 🐟 Cheese-fare Sunday أحد مرفع الجبن Romans 13:11-14:4 Matthew 6:14-21	20 🐟 Beginning of Holy and Great Fast بدء الصوم المقدس الكبير 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Luke 21:8-36	21 🐟 Holy Father Timothy Romans 8:14-21 Matthew 6:1-13	22 🐟 Relics of Martyrs at Eugenios 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 Mark 11:22-26 & Matthew 7:7-8	23 🐟 St Polycarp of Smyrna Romans 15:30-33 Matthew 7:7-11	24 🐟 1st Akathist المدائح الأولى 1 Timothy 2:1-7 John 15:1-7	25 🐟 St Tarasios عجوبة الفصح المسلوق Hebrews 1:1-12 Mark 2:23-3:5
	26 🐟 Sunday of Orthodoxy أحد الأوثوكسية Hebrews 11:24-40 John 1:43-51	27 🐟 St Procopios Romans 15:1-7 Matthew 18:10-20	28 🐟 St Basil the Confessor Galatians 6:2-10 Matthew 4:23-5:13				

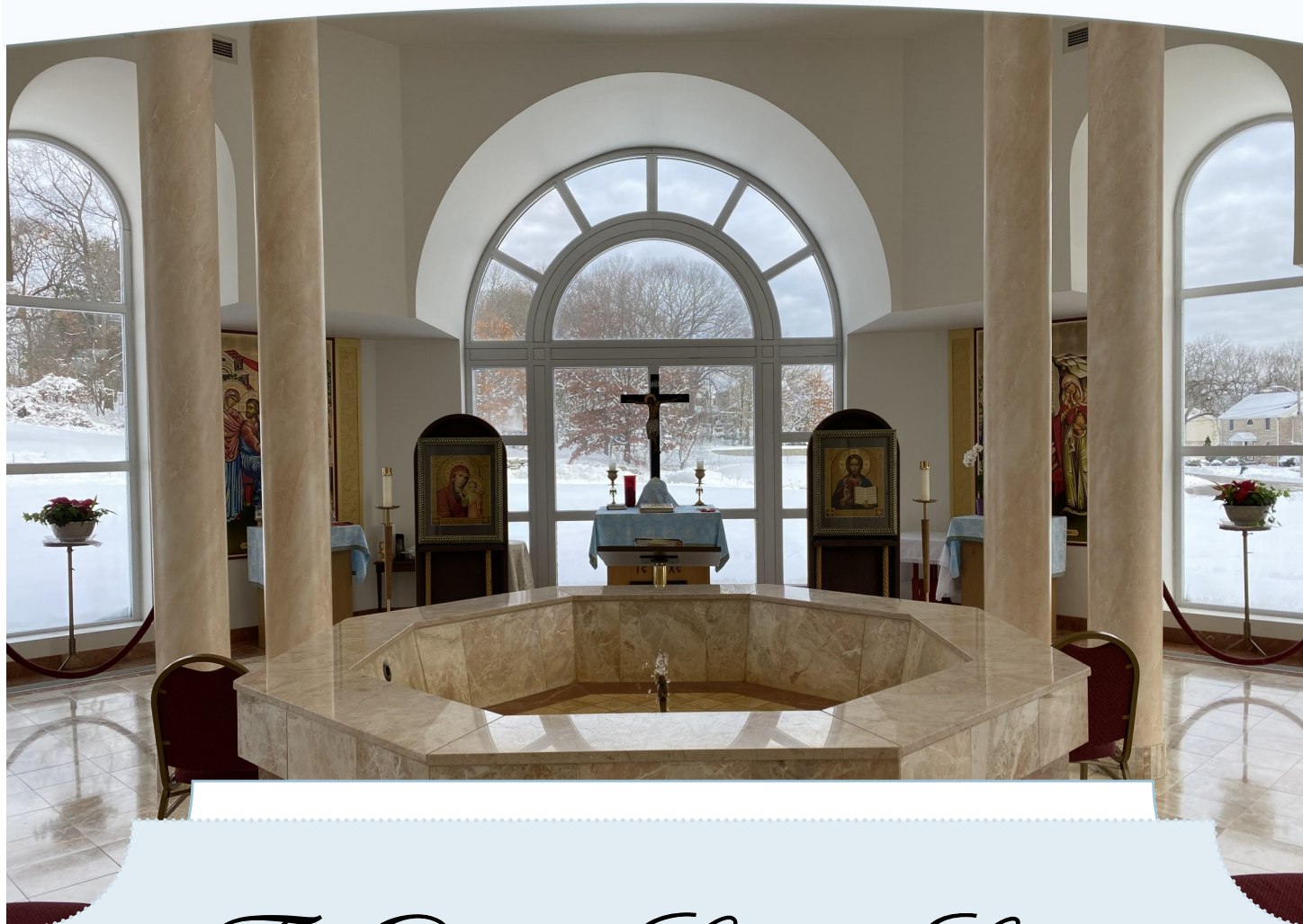
✠ Church Major Feasts

🐟 Abstain from Meat

🕯 Fast from midnight until noon

🌿 Lenten Season

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Divine Liturgy

- **9:00 am**
- **11:15 am**

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

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THAT SHE HAD." *MARK 12:41-42*

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As of 12/30/2022



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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$340,000



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 51%

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

Current & Future Projects:



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Exterior/Masonry /Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals.



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

Important Highlights

- We are extremely grateful to all of those who have contributed and supported the campaign thus far.
- The finance committee has begun strategy planning on maximizing the return of current financial reserves for future projects. God willing, this will prevent the need for another capital campaign and *allow for a more spiritual focus!*
- As reflected above, donations have varied in amounts, we do not expect everyone to support with the same amount...*However, we do pray that everyone will support this important campaign!*
- This is an open and transparent campaign, if you have any questions, suggestion, or concerns Fr. Ephrem or any of the committee members would be more than happy review/discuss during coffee hour or feel free to call them at the numbers listed below.



For more information contact any of the committee members, [click here](#), or scan this code with your Smartphone Camera!

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