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## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### Parish Website

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### Office hours

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

### Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

### Sunday

English 9:00 AM  
Arabic 11:15 AM

### Religious Education

Sunday 10:00 am—11:15 AM

**Pastoral Emergencies  
and anointing of the sick**  
(401)722-1345

### Holy Mysteries

### Reconciliation

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

### Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

### Marriage

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



### Cheese Fare – Forgiveness Sunday

### أحد الغفران – احد 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 (7th tone)

Through your Cross You destroyed death, You opened Paradise to the thief, and turned into joy the mourning of the ointment bearing women, and You ordered your Apostles to proclaim that You rose, O Christ God, Bestowing great mercy upon the world.

#### 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.

#### صلاة الأنديفون

أيها الإله المبدع، لقد جبلت آدم من تراب الأرض نفخت فيه نسمة حياة، وسلطته على هذا الكون. لكنه سقط بغواية الحية، لمّا عصى أمرك وتناول من الثمرة المحرمة. فتفبته من الفردوس. ولما تجسد مسيخك واحتمل الآلام لأجلنا، أعادنا إلى جنة عدن التي خسرناها بآدم. فنضربُك إليك، ونحنُ على عتبة الصوم الأربعيني المقدس، أن نُهلنا للتوبة الصادقة، فنمتنع عن كل شبه شر، ونصوم عن اللذات لنحظى بك، أنت نهر النعيم المروي نفوسنا الظمأى، وإذا ما سلكننا سُبُل وصاياك نبلغ إلى التمتع بأمجاد قيامة المسيح إلهنا ومخلصنا.

لأنك أنت الطويل الأناة، الكثير الرحمة والداعي الجميع إلى الخلاص، ولك ينبغي كل مجد وإكرام. وسجود، أيها الأب والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكل أوان ... الشعب: آمين.

#### طروبارية القيامة باللحن السابع

لاشيئ بصليبك الموت، وفتحت للحي الفردوس، وحولت نوح حاملات الطيب إلى فرح، وأمرت رسلك أن يكرزوا مبشرين بأنك قد قممت، أيها المسيح الإله، مانحاً العالم عظيم الرحمة.

#### طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقتك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبلت كلامك، الذي به بينت 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](http://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

O You who guide men toward 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 Matthew 6:14-21

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، ومُجبر المساكين، شدّد قلبي  
 وامنحه فهماً، أيها السيد، وأعطني كلاماً، يا  
 كلمة الآب. فها أنا لن أمسك شفتي عن الصراخ  
 إليك: أيها الرّحيم، ارحمني أنا الواقع

#### مقدمة الرسالة

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

الرسالة (رومة 13: 11 ج إلى 14: 4)  
 يا إخوة، أن الخلاصَ اقرب إلينا الآن مما كان  
 حينَ آمنا. قد تناهى الليلُ واقترَبَ النهارُ،  
 فلنخلُجْ اذن أعمالَ الظلمة، ونلبسَ اسلحة  
 النور. لنسلُكَنَّ سُلُوكاً لائقاً كما في النهار، لا  
 بالقصوفِ والسكر، ولا بالمضاجعِ والعهر، ولا  
 بالخصامِ والحسد. بل البسوا الربَّ يسوع  
 المسيح، ولا تهتموا بالجسد لقضاء شهواته.  
 من كانَ ضعيفاً في الإيمان فقبلوه بغير مباحثةٍ  
 في الآراء. مِنَ الناسِ من يعتقدُ أن له أن يأكلَ كلَّ  
 شيءٍ، أما الضعيفُ فيأكلُ بقولاً: فلا يزدِر الذي  
 يأكلُ من لا يأكلُ، ولا يدين الذي يأكلُ من لا  
 يأكلُ، لأن الله قد قبله. أنتَ من أنتَ يامنُ يدين  
 عبدَ غيره، انه لمولاه يثبتُ أو يسقطُ ، لكنه  
 سيثبتُ لأن الله قادرُ أن يُثبِّتَهُ.

هللوا

عليك يا ربّ توكلت، فلا أخز إليّ الابد، بعدلك  
 نجّني وانتشلي

كن لي إلهاً محامياً وبيت ملجأ لخلاصي

#### انجيل أحد مرفع الجبن

الانجيل (متى 6: 14-21)

قال الرب: إن غفرتُم للناس زلاتهم، يغفرُ لكم  
 أيضاً أبوك السماوي زلاتكم. وإن لم تغفروا  
 للناس زلاتهم، فأبوك أيضاً لا يغفرُ لكم زلاتكم.  
 وإذا صمتُم فلا تكونوا معبّسين كالمرائين فإنهم  
 يُنكروُن وجوههم ليظهروا للناس صائمين.  
 الحقُّ أقول لكم، انهم قد نالوا اجرهم. أما أنتَ  
 فإذا صمتَ، فادهنْ رأسك وأغسل وجهك، لتُلا  
 تظهرَ للناس صائماً بك لأبيك الذي في الخفية،  
 وأبوك الذي ينظرُ في الخفية هو يجازيك  
 علانية. لا تكتزوا لكم كنوزاً على الأرض، حيث  
 يُفسدُ السوس والصدأ، وحيث ينقبُ السارقون  
 ويسرقون. لكن اكنزوا لكم كنوزاً في السماء،  
 حيث لا يفسدُ سوس ولا صدأ، ولا ينقبُ  
 السارقون ولا يسرقون. فإنه حيث يكون كنزكم  
 هناك يكون قلبكم أيضاً







## 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.



# Divine Liturgy Intentions

**TODAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022: SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE. SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER.**

## 9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by Justin & Danielle Boudjouk & Family.
- + **ELIZABTH A. JOUBERT** by her children & grandchildren.
- + **LAWRENCE & MARY (NOURY) MOON** by their children & grandchildren.
- + **STEVEN KANAKRY** by Linda Koussa.
- + **FREDERICK KOUSSA** by Judy Ameen Wilchynski.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Edward Fayan.
- + **LILLIAN NASSANEY** by Abe, Michele Domaney & Family.
- + **JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + **CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + **LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE** by Uncle Michael, Auntie B. & Greg & Katie.

## 11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **ROSE KHOURY (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by Tony & Fadia Kabak.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by George & Kristen Baalbaki.
- + **YVONNE COLABELLA** by Joan Ray.
- + **JULIA, FRED, & ELIAS J. KISHFY** by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by M/M Craig Kishfy.
- + **LOUIS P. KISHFY** by Vicky Boudjouk.





**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** February 20, 2022: Budgets: \$3,420.00; (Envelopes): \$3,280.00; Loose: \$140.00); Candles: \$51.00; Stipends: \$650.00; Addit'l Melkite Diocesan Support: \$60.00; Building Fund: \$315.00; Addit'l Fuel: \$165.00; Cemetery: \$15.00; Religious Ed: \$362.00; Cook Book: \$30.00.

**TODAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022,** there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT**. Please help subsidize our monthly payment for the operation of our Diocese by giving generously.

**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022,** there will be a special collection for your **FUEL 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 would be greatly appreciated.

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.

**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](mailto: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.

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 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. 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.

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

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

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

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.





**FATHER DAN UPDATE:** Dear loved ones, family and friends: Personally, I have much to be thankful for this past year. Eight months after my cancer operation, there is no sign of a return of sarcoma. The hole left by the removal of the tumor and calf muscle is almost closed. And I am now doing ministry here at our Tewksbury residence and in local parishes. I have been able to accept more responsibilities within the community, including driving my brothers to local appointments and solving computer and loud-speaker problems. I have been giving monthly conferences and have been asked if I could start up again weekly talks as I did before going to White Earth. Until the provincial gives me an assignment, I shall be serving here. I may not know my future, but I do know God is with us. I love you all and keep you present in my prayers, morning and night. And, even if Covid keeps getting in the way of free travel, you are always with me. May your Christmas not only be merry, but blessed, full of Christ Child's graces, and the New Year under the promised protection of our Blessed Mother.

- *Father Dan.*

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** 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.**

**2022 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS** are available – free for the taking – at the entrance 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.

**OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD,** please remember to remove any chewing gum before entering the church building. Also, please place your pagers and cell phones on silent.

**2021 BUDGET STATEMENT AVAILABLE:** It is that time of year to start thinking about the preparation of your 2021 Federal Income Tax Returns. Statements of your offerings to the Church for 2021 will only be issued upon request. If you would like a statement, please contact Father Joe at the rectory at 401-722-1345. To those who have been using envelopes, we extend our thanks and a reminder to please mark the amount enclosed which facilitates the recording of your contributions and allows for more accuracy. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IN THIS REGARD!!!**

### **Rule of Fasting in the Eparchy of Newton**

So as not to burden anyone's conscience, the Holy Synod of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church permits each eparchial 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 minimum rule that Melkites in the Eparchy of Newton must observe are: *Fasting* from all food and drink from midnight until noon on the first day of Great Lent (Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>), 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.

**Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>: GREAT COMPLINE**

**Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>: AKATHIST HYMN**

We encourage and urge you to join us in the scheduled services.

**REFLECTION:** Nobody really knows who you are inside but you and God. R U who U say U R?

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  
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# الصوم ، المحبة والمسامحة (مرفع الجبن)

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 نغفر ذنوب الآخرين لكن نحن ننال الغفران ، الغفران يتطلب محبة كبيرة وايمان كبير وشجاعة لكي نستطيع ان نغفر وفي نفس الوقت ننال الغفران .



ان غفرتم للناس زلاتهم يغفر لكم اباؤكم السماوي ايضا

فان جاع عدوك فاطعمه وان عطش فاسقه ، لانك ان فعلت هذا تجمع جمر نار على راسه ( رو20- 21)

ايها الاحباء : ها نحن في الأحد السابع قبل الفصح وايضا نحن في الأحد الرابع من احاد التهيئة للصيام الكبير والآخر 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 اعظم 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 ألا نهتم بأجسادنا لقضاء حاجاتها كالأكل أو الملبس انتم تعرفون المثل الانجيلي الذي يقول : انظروا الى طيور السماء انها لا تزرع ولا تحصد وابوكم السماوي يقيتها . لذلك لا تهتم للأكل أو الملبس ، علينا ان نكنز في فترة الصوم لنا كنوزا في السماء تقربنا من الله ، وتساعدنا ان نرث 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 للقريب ، هذا ما يتكلم عنه انجيل اليوم . اذ يتكلم عن غفران الله وغفراننا للآخرين مباشرة قبل كلامه عن الصوم ، لاجل هذا الكنيسة تنهي استعدادها للصوم بالغفران لكي ندخل الصوم بالفرح والسلام وبالقوة .

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

لان الغفران والصفح والمسامحة هو الحب الذي يشفي المرض ويزيل الالم ، مغفورة خطاياك قم وامش .

هناك سؤال دائما يطرح كم من مرة اغفر ذنوب اخي ، هل سبع مرات؟ سؤال طرحه بطرس الرسول للرب يسوع ، ونحن من الممكن ان نسأله ايضا للرب يسوع ونسأله لانفسنا بالرغم من اننا نعرف الجواب الوافي وذلك من خلال الرب يسوع لبطرس ، بالغفران سبعين مرة سبع مرات ، اي ما يعني ان نغفر ذنوب الآخرين على الدوام وبدون تعداد .

ان نغفر ذنوب الآخرين دائما يعتبر امر في غاية الصعوبة ، فنحن بشر لنا طبيعة ضعيفة ، فكرامتنا وعزة النفس التي نملكها تمنعنا من ان نغفر او تجعلنا مترمتين بربائنا ولا نقبل الآخرين .

فكيف ان نسامح من خدعنا وجرحنا واراد الشر . فهل كان الرب يسوع يعلم

فلقد ارانا يسوع بجسده البشري الضعيف قوة ايمانه بالله الآب وكيف تحمل الأم الصليب وطلب ان تغفر ذنوب جلاديه وصاليه ، فالبعض منا يقول بانهم ليسوا يسوع لكي يستطيعوا ان يغفروا ذنوب الآخرين . 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 الآخرين . 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 سلكوا في نفس طريق معلمهم يسوع لكي يكونوا لنا ايضا مثالا صالحا في الغفران ، مثل القديس استفانوس .

الشیطان 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 قرأناه الآن : مهما كانت قسوة وعناد الانسان فامام المحبة والغفران يستسلم 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 يوحى لكم بان الاهانة كبيرة ، اين الكرامة .. انت مجني عليك . فاهزموا عدوكم الحقيقي اولا بطلب القوة من الله لتغفروا .

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

لذلك يا احبائي : 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 غفرتم للناس زلاتهم 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 .

وان تحبوا حياتكم كلها حياة الغفران دائما .

فالآن وقت التوبة ابدأوا صيامكم بكلمة : اغفر لي يا اخي لاجل المسيح ودخلوا الصيام وصافحوا بعضكم بعضا بقبلة السلام لكي نقولون مع الملائكة المسيح قام .

# Temptation of pride

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 the custom of Orthodox 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 Byzantine 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)*

**Give some thought to your fasting plan for Lent today!**





## THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

God blesses those who assist the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them. The Church gives us seven ways to show mercy to all. Here are the Corporal Works of Mercy and some ways to carry them out.

*'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'*

**-Matthew 25:40**



### 1. To Feed the Hungry

- a. Put money in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box.
- b. Share your lunch with a friend who might not have as much.
- c. Clean your plate... don't waste food.
- d. Serve at a soup kitchen with your family.



### 5. To Care for the Sick

- a. Visit children in the hospital.
- b. Send a card to a sick friend.
- c. Share a homework assignment with a student who missed class.
- d. Pray for anyone who is ill.

### 2. To Give Drink to the Thirsty

- a. Help Mom serve drinks to the family at dinner or to guests.
- b. Start a Lemonade stand and give the money to the poor.
- c. Help Dad put water bottles in the car to give to the homeless.



### 6. To Visit the Imprisoned

- a. Draw pictures for elderly neighbors who cannot leave their homes.
- b. Pray for those who are in prison, and their families.



### 3. To Clothe the Naked

- a. Share your coat with someone who is cold.
- b. Give your used clothes away to the poor.



### 4. To Shelter the Homeless

- a. Donate blankets or clothing to a homeless shelter.
- b. Help mom fill a bag of groceries to give to a shelter.



### 7. To Bury the Dead

- a. Visit a cemetery and pray for departed family and friends.
- b. Bring flowers to put on the graves of your loved ones.













What are some other ways you can help?

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# Our Journey to Pascha 2022

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 6th</b>		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> <b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> 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 <b>FEBRUARY 13th</b>		<b>The Prodigal Son Returns</b> 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 <b>FEBRUARY 20th</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		<b>The Last Judgment</b> 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 <b>FEBRUARY 27th</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		<b>Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise</b> <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 <b>MARCH 6th</b>		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> <b>SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY</b> 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 <b>MARCH 13th</b>		<b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> 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 <b>MARCH 20th</b>		<b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <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 <b>MARCH 27th</b>		<b>ST JOHN OF THE LADDER</b> 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 <b>APRIL 3rd</b>		<b>ST MARY OF EGYPT</b> 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.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY <b>APRIL 10th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> 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 <b>APRIL 15th</b>		<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <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! <b>APRIL 17th</b> NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and good night.





# LITURGICAL CALENDAR



FEBRUARY		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 شباط — فبراير 2022				<b>1</b> Preparation of Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple  1 Peter 3:10-22 Mark 12:18-27	<b>2</b> ✠ Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple دخول السيد إلى الهيكل Hebrews 7:7-17 Luke 2:22-40	<b>3</b>  Sts Simeon & Anna  Hebrews 9:11-14 Luke 2:25-38	<b>4</b> 🐟  St Isidore of Pelusium  2 Peter 1:1-10 Mark 13:1-8	<b>5</b>  St Agatha  2 Timothy 2:11-19 Luke 18:2-8
	<b>6</b> Publican & Pharisee Sunday أحد الفريسيّ والعشار 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14	<b>7</b>  St Luke the Greek  2 Peter 1:20-2:9 Mark 13:9-13	<b>8</b>  Holy Prophet Zechariah  2 Peter 2:9-22 Mark 13:14-23	<b>9</b>  Leave-taking of the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord 2 Peter 3:1-18 Mark 13:24-31	<b>10</b>  St Charalampos  1 John 1:8-2:6 Mark 13:31-14:2	<b>11</b>  St Blaise  1 John 2:7-17 Mark 14:3-9	<b>12</b>  St Meletios  1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 20:45-21:4	
	<b>13</b> Sunday of the Prodigal Son أحد الابن الضال 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32	<b>14</b>  St Maron the Hermit  1 John 2:18-3:8 Mark 11:1-11	<b>15</b>  St Onesimos  1 John 3:9-22 Mark 14:10-42	<b>16</b> 🐟  St Pamphilos and his companions 1 John 3:21-4:11 Mark 14:43-15:1	<b>17</b>  St Theodore  1 John 4:20-5:21 Mark 15:1-15	<b>18</b> 🐟  St Leo, Pope of Rome  2 John 1-13 Mark 15:22, 25, 33-41	<b>19</b> First Saturday of the dead السبت الاول للمراقد 1 Corinthians 10:23-29 Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36	
	<b>20</b> Meat-fare Sunday أحد مرفع اللحم 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Matthew 25:31-46	<b>21</b> 🐟  Holy Father Timothy  3 John 1-13 Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39	<b>22</b> 🐟  Relics of Martyrs at Eugenios Jude 1-10 Luke 22:39-23:1	<b>23</b> ✠ 🐟  St Polycarp of Smyrna  Romans 14:6-9 Matthew 26:57-75	<b>24</b> 🐟  Discoveries of the Head of John the Forerunner 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Matthew 11:2-15	<b>25</b> ✠ 🐟  St Tarasios  Ephesians 5:8-19 John 19:25-37	<b>26</b> 🐟  Saturday of Ascetics سبت جميع الالهة للمساك Romans 14:19-23; 6:25-27 Matthew 6:1-13	
	<b>27</b> 🐟 Cheese-fare Sunday أحد مرفع الجبن Romans 13:11-14:4 Matthew 6:14-21	<b>28</b> ✠ 🐟 Beginning of Holy and Great Fast بدء الصوم المقدس الكبير 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Luke 21:8-36						
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Church Major Feasts

Abstain from Meat

Fast from midnight until noon

Lenten Season

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. (Ps 23:1)

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# Prayer for Lent

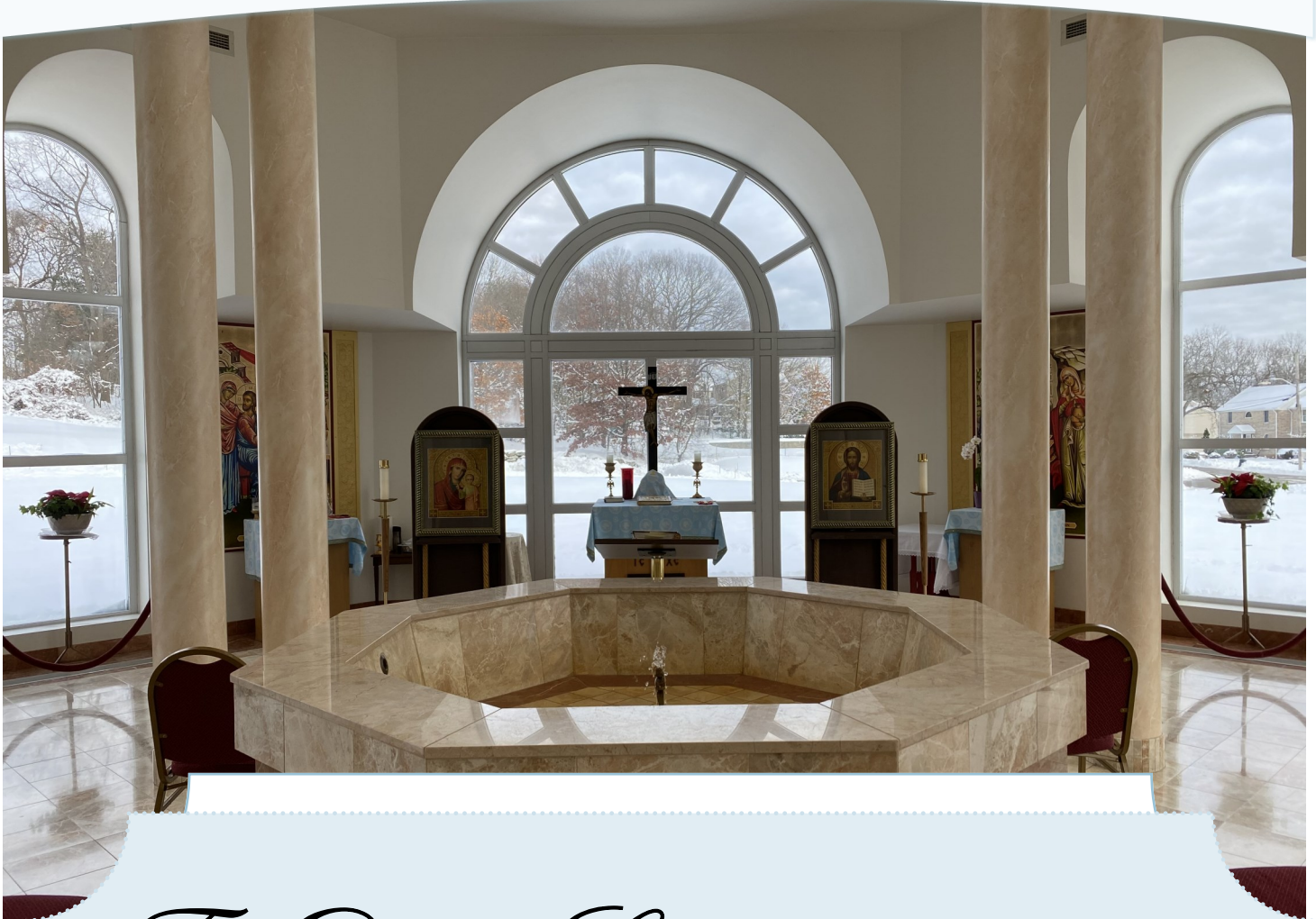


“O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, the lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to your servant. Yes, O Lord, and King grant me to see my own sin and not to judge my brother, for You are blessed from all ages to all ages. Amen”

(Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian)



# Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



*The Divine Liturgy is celebrated*

At St. Elias Chapel

|(St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church)

**Tuesday to Friday at 9:00 am**

Sunday Divine Liturgy :

**English at 9:00 am—Arabic at 11:15 am**

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

# LITURGY OR MASS INTENTIONS



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.

**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.)

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