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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
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



CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

COMMEMORATION OF OUR FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS
BASIL THE GREAT ARCHBISHOP OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA

ختان ربنا وإلهنا ومخلصنا
يسوع المسيح بحسب الجسد.

Antiphon Prayer

O Eternal King, accept the supplications of us sinners who
ask for your forgiveness and salvation. Bless the crown of
the New Year with your goodness. Gladden the hearts of all
your faithful by favoring them with your power. Make
them fit to offer you an acceptable year. And grant your
peace and greatest mercy to them and to the world. For
you are all-good and love mankind, and to you we render
glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Now and always and
forever and ever.

Troparion of the resurrection (5th tone)

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the word, coeternal
with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our
Salvation, for He was pleased to be lifted in the flesh upon
the cross, and to endure death, and to raise the dead by
His glorious resurrection.

Troparion of the Circumcision, (First Tone)

O Merciful Lord, who being God, assumed our human
nature without undergoing change, You fulfilled the Law by
accepting to be circumcised in the flesh, so as to put an end
to prefigurations and remove the veil of our passions. Glory
to Your goodness, O Word! Glory to Your compassion!
Glory to Your ineffable condescension!

صلاة الأنديفون:

أيها الملك الأزلي، اقبل تضرعاتنا نحن
الخطاة طالبي المغفرة والخلص. وبارك
إكليل السنة الجديدة بصلاحك. ابهج جميع
المؤمنين بتأييد قُدرتك، وأهلهم لأن يقدموا
لك عاماً مقبولاً، وأهياً لهم وللعالم سلامك
ورحمتك العظمى. لأنك إله صالح ومحِب
للإنس. واليك نرفع المجد، أيها الأب والأبْن
والروح القدس، الآن وكل أوان

نشيد القيامة باللحن الخامس

لنشيد نحن المؤمنين ونسجد للكلمة، الأزلي
مع الأب والروح، المولود من العذراء
لخلاصنا. لأنه ارتضى أن يصبغ بالجسد على
الصليب، ويحمل الموت، وينهض. الموتى
بقيامته المجيدة.

نشيد العيد باللحن الاول

أيها الجالس على منبرياري، مع أبيك الأزلي
وروحك الإلهي. لقد ارتضيت أن تولد على
الأرض من أمك البتول التي لم تعرف رجلاً.
ولذلك خُيئت أيضاً كإنسان في اليوم الثامن.
فالمجد لقصدك الكامل الصلاح، المجد
لتدبيرك، المجد لتنازلك يا محب البشر.
وحدك.



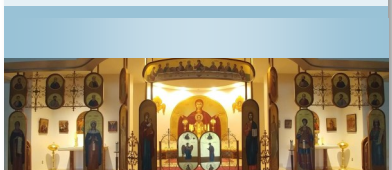


Our church organizations:

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>



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.

Kondakion of the Circumcision, (Tone 3)

Today, the Lord of All endures Circumcision, circumcising the sins of all mortal men, for He is good and merciful. And He grants salvation to the world, while Basil, the High Priest of the Creator, Christ's mystic and shining star, rejoices now in heaven.

Epistle of St. Basil (Colossians 2: 8-12)

Prokimenon

My mouth shall speak wisdom; prudence shall be the utterance of my heart.

Stichon: Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all who dwell in the world.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians

Brethren, see to it that no one deceives you by philosophy and vain deceit, according to human traditions, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and in him who is the head of every Principality and Power you have received of that fullness. In him, too, you have been circumcised with a circumcision not wrought by hand, but through putting off the body of the flesh, a circumcision which is of Christ. For you were buried with him in baptism, and in him also rose again through faith in the working of God who rose him from the dead.

Alleluia

Listen, O Shepherd of Israel, O Guide of Joseph's flock!

Stichon: The mouth of the just tells of wisdom, and his tongue says what is right.

Gospel of Circumcision (Luke 2:20-21 & 40-52)

At that time the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them. And when eight days were fulfilled for the circumcision of the child, he was called Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong in spirit. He was full of wisdom and the grace of God was upon him. And his parents were accustomed to go every year to Jerusalem at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. And after they had fulfilled the days, when they were returning the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and Joseph and his mother did not know it. But thinking he was in the caravan; they had come a day's journey before it occurred to them to look for him among their relatives and acquaintances. And not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. And it came to pass after three days, that they found him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who were listening to him were amazed at understanding and his answers. And when they saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done so to us? Behold, your father and I have been seeking you sorrowing." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you now know I must be about my Father's business?" And they did not understand the word he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them; and his mother kept all these things carefully in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

نشيد الختام للعيد (القنداق) باللحن الثالث

ان رب الكل يحتمل الختانة، فيختزل زلات الأكام بما انه صالح، ويهب اليوم الخلاص للعالم. فيفرح أيضاً في الأعالى رئيس كهنه الخالق، الكوكب الساطع نجي المسيح باسيليوس الالهي.

مقدمة الرسالة

ان في ينطق بالحكمة، وقلبي يلهج بالفهم اسمعوا هذا يا جميع الامم، اصيغوا يا جميع قاطني المسكونة

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الى

أهل كولسي (2: 8-12)

يا إخوة، إحدروا ان يسلبكم احد بالفلسفة والغرور الباطل، بحسب تقليد الناس وبخسب أركان العالم، لا بحسب المسيح. فإنه فيه يحل كل ملء اللاهوت جسدياً. وأنتم مملؤون فيه. وهو رأس كل رئاسة وسلطان. وفيه أيضاً ختنتم ختاناً ليس من فعل الأيدي، بأن خلع عنكم جسم خطايا الجسد، في ختان المسيح. إذ قد دفنتم معه في المعمودية، التي فيها أنهضتم أيضاً معه بإيمانكم بعمل الله الذي أنهضه من بين الأموات. هلوليا

يا راعي اسراييل أصغ، يا قائد يوسف كالخروف فم الصديق يلهج بالحكمة، ولسانه ينطق بالعدل.

الانجيل لوقا (2: 20-21 & 40-52)

في ذلك الزمان، رجع الرعاة وهم يمجّدون الله ويسبحونه على كل ما سمعوا وعانوا كما قيل لهم. ولما انقضت ثمانية أيام ليختن الصبي، سمي يسوع، كما سمّاه الملاك قبل ان يخبئ به في البطن. وكان الصبي ينمو ويتقوى بالروح متملاً حكمة، وكانت نعمة الله عليه. وكان أبواه يذهبان الى اورشليم كل سنة في عيد الفصح. فلما بلغ اثنتي عشرة سنة صعدا الى اورشليم كعادة العيد. ولما انقضت الايام عند رجوعهما بقي الصبي يسوع في اورشليم، ويوسف وأمه لا يعلمان. واذا كانا يتظنان انه مع الرفقة، سافرا مسيرة يوم. وكانا يطلبانه. بين الاقارب وبين المعارف. واذا لم يجداه رجعا الى اورشليم يطلبانه. وبعد ثلاثة أيام وجداه في الهيكل، جالسا فيما بين المعلمين يصغي إليهم ويسألهم. وكان جميع الذين يسمعون مدهوشين من فهمه وأجوبيته. فلما نظراه بهتا. فقالت له أمه: يا ابني، لم صنعت بنا هكذا؟ ها إن أباك وأنا كنا نطلبك متوجعين. فقال لهما: لماذا تطلباني؟ ألم تعلمنا أنه ينبغي لي ان أكون فيما هو لأبي؟ فلم يفهما الكلام الذي قاله لهما. ثم نزل معهما وأتي الناصرة، وكان خاضعا لهما، وكانت أمه تحفظ ذلك الكلام كله في قلبها. وكان يسوع يتقدم في الحكمة والسن والنعمة لدى الله والناس.



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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023: THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. FEAST OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT. NEW YEAR'S DAY.

NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY DIVINE LITURGIES will be offered for the SPIRITUAL & TEMPORAL WELFARE of the parishioners and friends of St. Basil's.

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M. SUNDAY: 10:00 A.M.

As an essential part of this New Year, we are all invited to return to the Father, to the communal banquet of joy, where divine mercy triumphs over wrong and injustice. What better way can we begin anew than by attending Divine Liturgy and receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: December 25, 2022: Budgets: \$5,846.00: Envelopes: \$5,536.00, Loose: \$310.00; Candles: \$158.52; Building Fund: \$105.00 Addit'l Fuel: \$50.00; Melkite Diocesan Support: \$313.00; Hall Rental: \$200.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$50.00; Christmas Offerings: \$2,490.00.

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 first.

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.

On New Year's Eve, December 31st, and Sunday, January 1st, there will be a special collection taken up for your **INITIAL OFFERINGS**. Your offering will help us defray the cost of the envelope system which is so vital in our parish support.

MAKE A GOOD BEGINNING. Often the strength of our first effort indicates the manner in which we maintain our responsibilities.

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!

EPHESIANS 4:22-24: Many of us like to make resolutions in the new year. It's a great to get off to a fresh start and begin now, good habits. Ephesians 4:22-24 speaks to this.

"Change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were, corrupted by deceitful desires. Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness."

We welcome your ideas. Please feel free to place them in the suggestion box in the narthex of the church.

REFLECTION: "The gladness of Christmas is Hope; the spirit of Christmas is Peace; the heart of Christmas is Love."

O Jesus, Who has said,
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THANK YOU! *THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS* were magnificent! Besides the many that worshipped with us, much work of many hands was necessary – for trimming the tree in the lobby; to the choirs who beautifully raised their voices for the glory of God; to the children who performed in the pageant on Christmas Eve, under the direction of the Religious Education coordinators; to the overseers of the complex; to those who organized the Sunday School Christmas Party; to those who decorated the Cultural Center, and all who helped in any way to add to the beauty of the celebrations; to those responsible for arranging the chair setup in the Church for the services; to those who were in charge for the Cultural Center setup of tables and chairs; and to the ushers who helped in keeping order at the services; to the altar servers, readers and the MYO who minister regularly; to those who offered poinsettias; to the active committee for coordinating the Agape in the Cultural Center after the evening Divine Liturgy; and to all the committees and sub-committees for their selfless assistance in all facets of the Feast; to the kitchen help, and clean-up crew. **TO ONE AND ALL, OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR A JOB WELL DONE!**

We wish to thank all our good parishioners and friends for their beautiful Christmas Cards, wishes, gifts and offerings to the Church. We also take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the loyal and generous cooperation you have shown us throughout the whole year. May our Divine Savior, the Prince of Peace, bring you all the joys of this holy season, and bless you with health and prosperity in the coming New Year 2023. And may this New Year 2023 be the best you have ever known - -known your joy deeper, your spiritual awareness keener, and your satisfaction more abundant.

A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Father Ephrem, Father Joe, Deacon Edmond & Deacon Gilbert



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Following Jesus Kids bulletin



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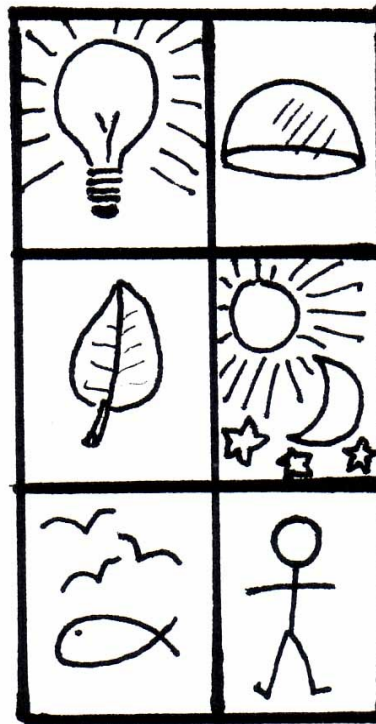
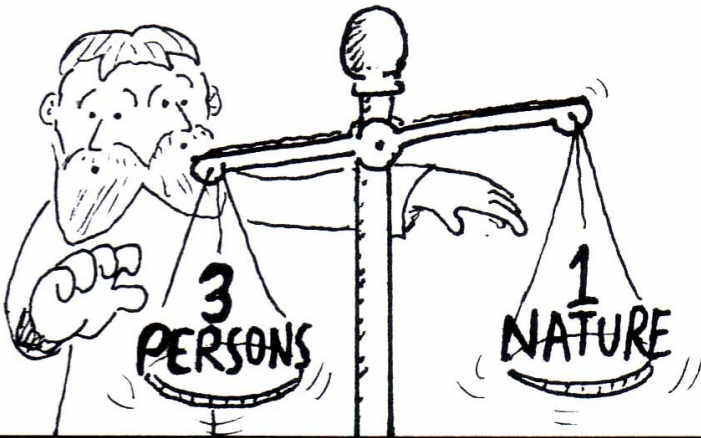


BASIL OF CAESAREA, USUALLY CALLED BASIL THE GREAT, WAS ONE OF ELEVEN CHILDREN BORN IN A WEALTHY CHRISTIAN FAMILY IN CAPPADOCIA (ASIA MINOR). AND WHAT A FAMILY: THREE OF HIS SIBLINGS ARE CONSIDERED SAINTS, AND HIS MOTHER'S PARENTS ENDURED FIERCE ANTI-CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION, FLEEING FOR THEIR LIVES. HIS MOM AND SISTER (BOTH NAMED MACRINA) TUTORED HIM IN THE FAITH AND PREPARED HIM FOR THE BEST SCHOOLS.

BASIL WAS THE OLDEST AND MOST PROMINENT OF THE THREE BISHOPS KNOWN AS THE CAPPADOCIAN FATHERS. THE OTHER TWO WERE BOTH NAMED GREGORY: GREGORY OF NYSSA WAS BASIL'S YOUNGER BROTHER, AND GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS WAS HIS BEST FRIEND FROM COLLEGE. AT BASIL'S INITIATIVE THESE THREE MEN FOUNDED A NEW CHRISTIANIZED CULTURE IN THE GREEK WORLD AND MADE PERMANENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH'S THEOLOGY, LITURGY AND MONASTIC LIFE. THEIR INFLUENCE WAS VAST!



ONE OF BASIL'S MOST IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH'S DOCTRINE WAS IN HIS TEACHING ON THE TRINITY. MORE THAN ANYONE BEFORE HIM BASIL HAD A VERY CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO DISCERN THE THREE PERSONS IN GOD AS IT IS TO RECALL THAT GOD IS ONLY ONE IN ESSENCE. HE ESTABLISHED THE FORMULA "GOD IS THREE PERSONS IN ONE NATURE."



BASIL PREACHED A SERIES OF SERMONS ON THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION, THE HEXAEMERON. IN THESE IMPORTANT MESSAGES HE ESTABLISHED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OLD PAGAN IDEAS ABOUT THE WORLD, AND THE NEW, AUTHENTICALLY CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING OF IT. CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THAT GOD CREATED THE WORLD AS A GOOD, ORDERLY, FINITE REALITY. THE WORLD IS NOT A NATURAL EXTENSION OF GOD'S OWN BEING, NOR IS IT MADE OF EVIL MATERIAL.

A Prayer for the New Year!



Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.

We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.

We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.

Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence. We confess our need for you... fresh...new...again. We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for your refreshing over us.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. And when the enemy reminds us where we have been, hissing his lies and attacks our way, we trust that your voice speaks louder and stronger, as you remind us we are safe with you and your purposes and plans will not fail. We ask that you will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Lord, lead us on your level ground.

We ask that you would provide for our needs, we ask for your grace and favor. We pray for your blessings to cover us, we pray that you would help us to prosper and make every plan that you have birthed in our heart to succeed. We pray that others would take notice of your goodness and could not help but to say, "These are the ones that the Lord has blessed."

Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own. May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set you way before us. May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

صلاة شكر وتسبيح في بداية السنة












يا رب يسوع المسيح ان سمحت لنا ان ندخل في هذه السنة الجديدة،
نطلب منك يا رب ان تجعلها سنة قداسة ونعمة وفرح وسلام ونمو في حياتنا الشخصية والعائلية والكنسية .
اعطنا يا رب يسوع المسيح تغيير حقيقي ،توبة حقيقية، إلتزام صادق بك وارتباط وثيق بشخصك،
ارفعنا يا رب من كل ضعف ،حررنا من كل عبودية، قدسنا من كل خطية،
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لا تسمح يا رب بأن نعود الى خربوب الخنازير، بل اعطنا ان نشبع بحبز الحياة ...
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يا رب ان عاملتنا بعدلك لا نجد امامك نعمة ولن يكون لنا خلاص ،
لكن عاملنا برحمتك يا رب اذ نصرخ اليك في كل مرة ونقول "رحمتك يا رب وليس كخطايانا".
بارك عملك في الكنيسة يا رب ،اعط معونة خاصة لنا،
اعطنا ان نشعر بك وانت تبارك العمل وتقديس الكيان وثمر في الحياة
وتجعل الخدمة مزدهرة تصل الى كل بيت والى كل نفس وكل زوايا الحياة ..
يا ربنا اعطنا ان تثبت فيك وتثبت فينا، اعطنا ان نكرس لك هذه السنة وكل سنوات العمر،
اعطنا يا رب ان نكون لك مقدسين بالتمام وان نكون هيكل لروحك القدوس وروحك يسكن فينا.
لا تعاملنا حسب تقصيراتنا في هذا العام ، لكن عاملنا على عهود نريد ان نقدمها لك ..
لكن اسندنا حتى نستطيع ان ننقذها لاننا بدونك لا نستطيع ان نفعل شيء ..
بكل بركة باركنا وقدسنا واملأنا من سلامك .
اجعل السنة الجديدة سنة سلام على الكنيسة وسلام على بلادنا وسلام في العالم كله...
انت يا رب ملك السلام، رئيس السلام .. اجعل يا رب هذه السنة الجديدة سنة خالية من التردد،
احفظ ولادك داخل قلبك وداخل بيتك ..باركنا يا رب بشفاعتك امك العذراء وجميع القديسين...امين



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



JANUARY	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 St Basil the Great Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ ختان الرب Colossians 2:8-12 Luke 2:20-22, 40-52	2 Pope Sylvester Hebrews 5:4-10 John 3:1-15	3 Holy Prophet Malachi James 5:10-20 John 15:17-16:2	4 Synaxis of the 70 disciples 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Mark 10:11-16	5  Paronymy of Theophany بارمون الظهور الالهي (الغطاس) 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 Luke 3:1-18	6  Theophany of our Lord عيد الظهور الالهي (الغطاس) Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Matthew 3:13-17	7 Synaxis of John the Baptist السابق المجيد يوحنا المعمدان Acts 19:1-8 John 1:29-34
كثون الثاني - يناير 2023	8 Sunday after Theophany الأحد بعد الظهور الالهي Ephesians 4:7-13 Matthew 4:12-17	9 St Polyeuctos James 2:14-26 Mark 1:9-15	10 St Gregory of Nyssa James 3:1-10 Matthew 4:25 & 5:1-12	11  St Theodosios Hebrews 13:7-16 Luke 3:19-22	12 St Tatiana 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 John 10:39-42	13  Sts Eremylos and Stratonicos 2 Timothy 2:1-10 Luke 20:1-8	14 Leave-taking of Theophany وداع الظهور الالهي Ephesians 6:10-17 Matthew 4:1-11
DECEMBER 2022 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	15 12 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثاني عشر بعد عيد الصليب Colossians 3:4-11 Luke 17:12-19	16 Veneration of the Chains of Peter the Apostle تكریم سلاسل الرسول بطرس Acts 12:1-11 John 21:14-25	17 St Anthony the Great القديس أنطونيوس الكبير Hebrews 13:17-21 Luke 6:17-23	18  Sts Athanasios and Cyril Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 5:14-19	19 St Macarios the Egyptian Galatians 5:22-6:2 John 10:9-16	20  St Euthymios the Great 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 John 6:17-23	21 St Maximos the Confessor 1 Corinthians 14:20-25 John 10:25-1:13
FEBRUARY 2023 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	22 15 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الخامس عشر بعد عيد الصليب 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10	23 St Clement of Ancyra 1 Peter 2:21-3:9 Mark 12:13-17	24 St Xenia the Roman 1 Peter 3:10-22 Mark 12:18-27	25  St Gregory the Theologian Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	26 Australia Day St Xenophon and relatives 1 Peter 4:12-5:5 Mark 12:38-44	27  Relics of St John Chrysostom Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	28 St Ephrem the Syrian 2 Timothy 2:11-19 Luke 18:2-8
	29 Publican & Pharisee Sunday أحد الفريسي والمغشاة 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14	30 The Three Hierarchs Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 5:14-19	31 Sts Cyrus and John 2 Peter 2:9-22 Mark 13:14-23				



Church Major Feasts



Abstain from Meat



Fast from midnight until noon



Lenten Season

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2022-2023



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Or to make a commitment

Please follow the link below:

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NEW YEAR – THEOPHANY

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE



Saturday, December 31

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

Sunday, January 1

10:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy (at St. Elias's Chapel)

Thursday, January 5 – Feast of the Theophany

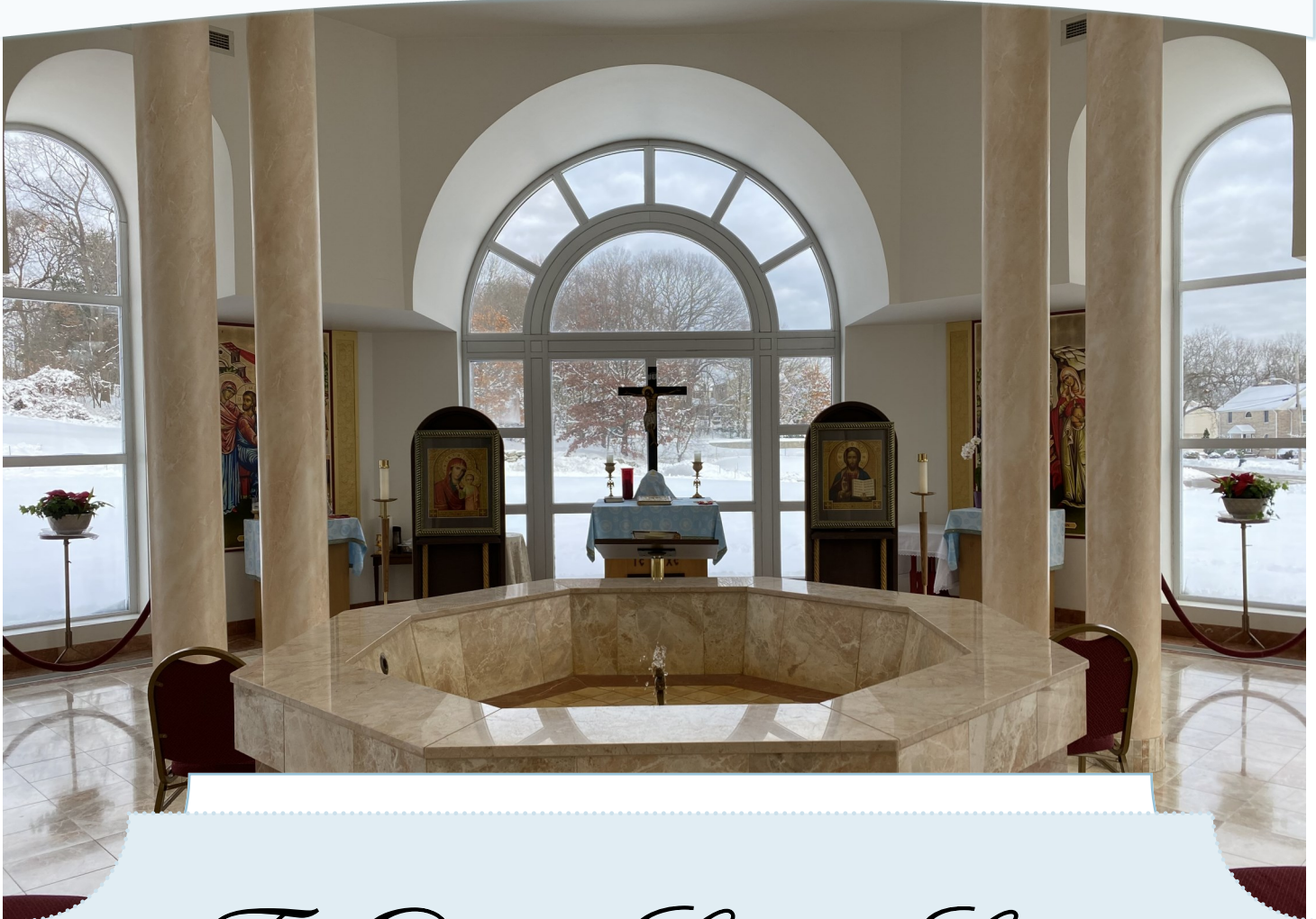
6:00 p.m. Vigil Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water.

Sunday, January 8 – Solemnity of the Theophany

9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water.

11:15 a.m. Arabic Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Water.

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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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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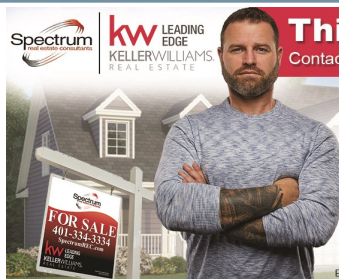
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