



May 28, 2023

ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



HOLY AND GLORIOUS PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Sunday Divine Liturgy

9:00 AM - 11:15 AM

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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

Antiphon Prayer

O Lord, Lover of Mankind, You sent the divine grace of Your All-holy Spirit upon the Disciples. We pray You to grant Him to us. Illumine our hearts with the light of His presence, so that, with restless voices, we may sing hymns of praise to Your All-holy and Undivided Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Troparion of the Feast, (8th Tone), 3 times

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who have filled the fishermen with wisdom by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them, and who through them, have caught in Your net the whole world, O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

Kondakion of the Feast, (8th Tone)

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all men to unity. Wherefore, we glorify the Holy Spirit, with one accord.

Acts of the Apostles.

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PROKIMENON (Tone 8)

Through all the earth, their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Stichon: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

READING from the Acts of the Apostles

When the days of Pentecost were ending, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them separate tongues as of fire, and they settled upon each one of

صلاة الأنديفونة

أيها الربُّ المحب البشر، يا مَنْ أرسل اليوم نعمة روحه القُدوس الإلهية على الرسل، إننا نبتهلُ إليك أن تمنحنا إيَّاهَا لِنُضيءَ قلوبنا بنور حضوره، فنقدّم لك، بأصواتٍ لا تفتُر، ترنيمًا مثلتُ التقديس، مسبِّحين الثالوث القُدوس غير المنقسم أيها الأب والابنُ والروح القدس، الآن وكلَّ اوانٍ وإلى دهر الداهرين. آمين

نشيد العنصرة باللحن الثامن (3 مرات)

مباركٌ أنتَ أيها المسيحُ الهُنا، الذي أظهرَ الصيَّادين جزيلي الحكمة، وأنزلَ عليهم الروح القدس، وبهم اصطادَ المسكونة يا محبَّ البشر المجدُّ لك.

فنداق الختام للعنصرة باللحن الثامن

لما نزل العلي وبلبل الألسن، قسَم الأمم. وحين ورَّع الألسنُ النارية، دعا الجميع إلى الوحدة، فتمجدُّ الروح القدس باتفاقي الأصوات.

رسالة أحد العنصرة

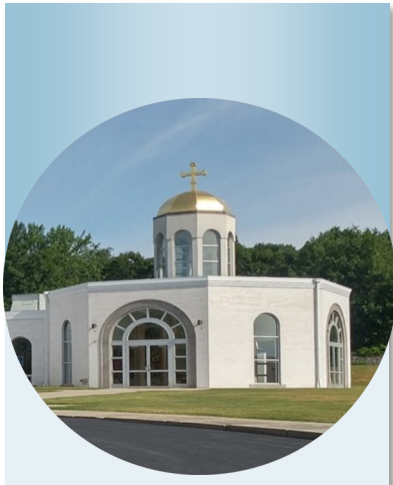
مقدمة الرسالة

في كل الارض ذاع منطقتهم، والى اقاصي المسكونة كلامهم السماوات تديع مجد الله، والفلك يُخبرُ بأعمال يديه

الرسالة (اعمال الرسل 2: 1 - 11)

لما حلَّ يوم الخمسين، كان الرسل كلهم معاً في مكان واحد. فحدثت بغتة صوت من السماء، كصوت ريح شديدة تعصف، وملا كل البيت الذي كانوا جالسين فيه. وظهرت لهم ألسنة منقسمة كأنها من نار، واستقرت على كل واحد منهم. فامتلاوا كلهم من الروح القدس، وطفقوا يتكلمون بلغات أخرى، كما





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>



them, and all were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in foreign tongues, as the Holy Spirit granted them to speak.

Now, there were staying in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, a great crowd gathered, and they were astounded because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And all of them, amazed and wondering, were saying to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? How then have all of us heard our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Lybia around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, Jews also and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we have heard them speaking in our own language of the wonderful works of God."

ALLELUIA (Tone 1)

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.
 Stichon: From heaven the Lord looks down. He sees all the children of men.

Gospel of the Feast: John 7: 37-52 & 8:12

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Now on the last, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Anyone who believes in Me, as the Scripture says, 'From within him there shall flow rivers of living water.'" He said this, however, of the Spirit, whom they who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit had not yet been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. Some of the crowd, therefore, when they had heard these words, said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." Some, however, said, "Can the Christ come from Galilee? Does not the Scripture say it is of the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived, that the Christ is to come?" So there arose a division among the crowd because of Him. And some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The attendants therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and these said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The attendants answered. "Never has man spoken as this Man." The Pharisees then answered them, "Have you also been fooled? Has any one of the rulers believed in Him, or any of the Pharisees? But this crowd, which does not know the Law, is accursed." Nicodemus, the man who had come to Him at night, who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man unless it first gives him a hearing, and knows what he does?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also a Galilean? Search and see that out of Galilee arises no prophet." And again, Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the Light of the world. Anyone who follows Me does not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

آتاهم الروح أن ينطقوا. وكان في أورشليم رجالاً من اليهود أتقياء من كل أمة تحت السماء. فلما كان ذلك الصوت، اجتمع الجمهور فتحيروا، لأن كل واحد كان يسمعون ينطقون بلغته. فدهشوا جميعهم وتعجبوا قائلين بعضهم لبعض: أليس هؤلاء المتكلمون لهم جليليين؟ فكيف نسلم كل منا لغته التي ولد فيها؟ نحن الفرثيين والماديين والعلاميين، وسكان ما بين النهرين واليهودية وكبادوكية. وبنطس وآسية، وفريجية وبمفيلية. ومصر، ونواحي ليبيا عند القيروان، والرومانيين المستوطنين واليهود والدخلاء والكريتيين والعرب، نسمعهم ينطقون بألسنتنا بعظائم الله.

هملوبا
 بكلمة الرب تثبتت السماوات، وبروح فمه كل قوتها
 الرب من السماء نظر، فأبصر جميع بني البشر

انجيل العنصرة (يوحنا 7: 37-52 & 8: 12)

في اليوم الأخير العظيم من العيد، وقف يسوع وصاح قائلاً: إن عطش أحد فليأت إلي ويشرب. من آمن بي، فكما قال الكتاب، ستجري من جوفه أنهار ماء حي. إنما قال هذا عن الروح الذي كان المؤمنون به زمعين أن يقبلوه، فالروح القدس لم يكن قد أعطى، لأن يسوع لم يكن بعد قد مُجد. وإذ سمع كثير من الجمع كلامه قالوا: في الحقيقة هذا هو النبي. وقال آخرون: هذا هو المسيح. وقال آخرون: أعلل المسيح يأتي من الجليل؟ ألم يقل الكتاب أن من نسل داود ومن قرية بيت لحم، حيث كان داود، يأتي المسيح. فوقع بين الجمع شقاق من أجله. وكان أماس منهم يريدون أن يمسكوه، ولكن لم يُلق أحد عليه يداً. ورجع الخدام إلى رؤساء الكهنة والفريسيين، فقال لهم أولئك: لم تأتوا به؟ فأجاب الخدام: إنه ما نطق إنساناً قط مثل هذا الإنسان. فأجابهم الفريسيون: أعللكم أنتم أيضاً قد ضللتم؟ هل آمن به أحد من الرؤساء أو من الفريسيين؟ أما هؤلاء الجمع الذين لا يعرفون الناموس فهم ملعونون. قال لهم أحدهم نيقوديموس الذي كان قد جاء إلى يسوع ليلاً: أعلل شريعتنا تحكم على إنسان ما لم تسمع منه أولاً وتعلم ما فعل؟ فأجابوا وقالوا له: أعللك أنت أيضاً من الجليل؟ ابحث وانظر، إنه لم يقم نبي من الجليل. ثم كلمهم أيضاً يسوع قائلاً: أنا نور العالم، من تبعني فلا يمشي في الظلام، بل يكون له نور الحياة.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023: PENTECOST SUNDAY. THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THE APOSTLES. BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + ELIAS ASSAF by Najib & Saydeh Hana.
- + JAN CHARCHAFLIAH by Carole & Tony Samaha.
- + VERA & STEPHAN KHOURY by Carole & Tony Samaha.
- + CHRISTOPHER KENT by Catole & Tony Samaha.
- + WILLIAM T. ASERMELY by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family (SC).
- + MARY SOUS SACKAL by her sister Yvonne (Sous) Cantisano.
- + JOHN ROWEY by Barbara & Joseph Monsour.
- + ANNETTE NAJJAR by Bill & Nancy Haddad.
- + JOSEPH P. AZAR, brother of the late Louis E. Azar by the Family of the late Louis E. Azar.
- + JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE bt Uncle Michael, Auntie B., Greg & Katie.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + ELIAS ASSAF by Najib & Saydeh Hana.
- + GLORIA (RAWAN) RAZOOK by Samir & Hanaa Booudjouk & Family.
- + GEORGE A. CHARCHAFLIAH his wife Janet, children & grandchildren.
- + YOUSEF AGHIA by his wife Rouaida & Children & their Families.
- + SOPHIE CHROME ASHKAR by Michael & Afaf Ashkar.



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: May 21, 2023: Budgets: \$2,271.00; Envelopes: \$2,112.00, Loose: \$159.00; Candles: \$146.00; Building Fund: \$100.00; Stole Offerings: \$150.00; Breakfast Club: \$1,674.00; Addit'l Melkite Support: \$5.00.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who is planning an **ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS** is kindly requested to notify a member of the clergy **BEFORE** reception/party plans are made. The Clergy may be already scheduled for something else on the day that you have rented a hall/restaurant. Following this policy will help avoid any later misunderstandings/hurt feelings. Thank you!

TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE: We are all links of a chain. A chain is as strong as its weakest link! What kind of link are you? Let us make this year 2023 the year that we give more of ourselves on the strengthening of the chain of St. Basil the Great Community. Hopefully, many more will step up in their real understanding of parish membership.

GRAPE LEAVES: The Food Fair Committee is appealing to all parishioners and friends to donate sufficient grape leaves to accommodate the needs of this popular cuisine. Anyone willing to donate some leaves can bring them to the kitchen and they will be stored in the freezer. If Christine Durnin or Jane Hanna are not there, arrangements will be made to freeze them.

2023 Food Fair Cooking Schedule Thank you for your help!

Syrian Cheese – Thursday, June 15 @ 9:00 a.m.

Kibbeh – Thursday, June 29 @ 9:00 a.m.

Sfeeha – Tuesday, July 11 @ 9:00 a.m.

Grapeleaves – Thursday, August 3, 9:00 a.m.

Sfeeha – Thursday, August 24 @ 9:00 a.m.

Sfeeha - Thursday, September 7 @ 9:00 a.m.

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.





MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023, will be observed in honor of our comrades who died in defense of their country. Memorial services will be held at St. Basil's Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Let us, on this day, give our thoughts rest from daily cares and strifes of a confused world, and turn them to wholesome thoughts of prayer for these dear ones who have fallen asleep with godliness and great grace, and at the same time, to join in prayer and remember all our loved ones who have preceded us to eternity. **MEMORY ETERNAL!**

SCHEDULE CHANGE: We will begin our Summer Liturgy Schedule next weekend, Saturday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 4th, 2023. Beginning on these dates, there will be one Saturday evening Liturgy at 5:00 p.m. and only **one** Sunday morning Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Please pass on this notice to all family members, relatives, and friends who regularly attend services at St. Basil's.

ST. BASIL'S FELLOWSHIP will meet this Thursday, June 1st, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cultural Center. All members are encouraged and urged to attend and to bring new ideas to the floor for discussion. Refreshments will be served. Come one! Come all! The meetings will be changing to the first WEDNESDAY OF the month. However, due to the July 4th holiday week, the following meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12. All are welcome to attend!

I shall love the Lord thy God with my whole heart, soul, and mind. We are bound to Him in our totality. Everything comes under allegiance to Him, including what we do with our possessions. When we recognize this, we also recognize that what counts in our giving is not our share in the budget of the church, but God's share of our income.

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 28th, there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT**. Please help subsidize our monthly payment for the expenses and operation of our Diocese. Please give generously.

REFLECTION: "A blind person who sees is better than a seeing person who is blind."

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.





The family of St. Basil's Church would like to congratulate our 2022-2023 high school and college graduates and those who earned higher degrees.

In order to get a complete and accurate list, we ask you to submit the names in your household. Please follow the link below and fill out the form no later than June 11th, 2023. We will honor the graduates at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

[Honoring Graduates 2022-2023 - Google Forms](#)

Thank you for your cooperation.

Following Jesus Kids bulletin



The Kids' Bulletin



Come Holy Spirit!

The feast of Pentecost came nine days after Jesus had ascended into Heaven. The disciples and Mary were praying together when the Holy Spirit suddenly came with the sound of a huge wind and what looked like flames of fire coming down on each of them. The apostles went right out and began to preach and teach people about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit comes to us in Baptism and lives in us whenever our souls are in a state of grace (when we don't have any serious sins.) He comes into us more whenever we receive a Sacrament, especially Confirmation. He helps us do what is right and serve God using all the gifts He gives us. The Holy Spirit, who is the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, draws us closer to God the Father and Jesus.

Pray to the Holy Spirit every day to help you to do everything for God. Then see how your life changes!



Today is the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to Mary and the Apostles in the form of wind and tongues of fire.

Can you find your way through this maze and use the letters in your path to fill in the blanks?



The gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Feast of Pentecost is the commemoration of the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. In the Byzantine Rite, it is remembered under the aspect of the final revelation of the dogma of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is very specially honored together with his gifts which enable the humble and penitent faithful to become His temple. Pentecost is also the Feast of the Foundation of the Church, of the beginning of her mission to the world, and of Christian Unity within the diversity of nations, languages, and cultures.

At our Baptism and Chrismation we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. But as long as we are dominated by the passions these gifts are not fully active. They are hidden or covered. Once we remove the passions then these gifts work in our consciousness.

St. Maximus the Confessor describes wisdom as follows:

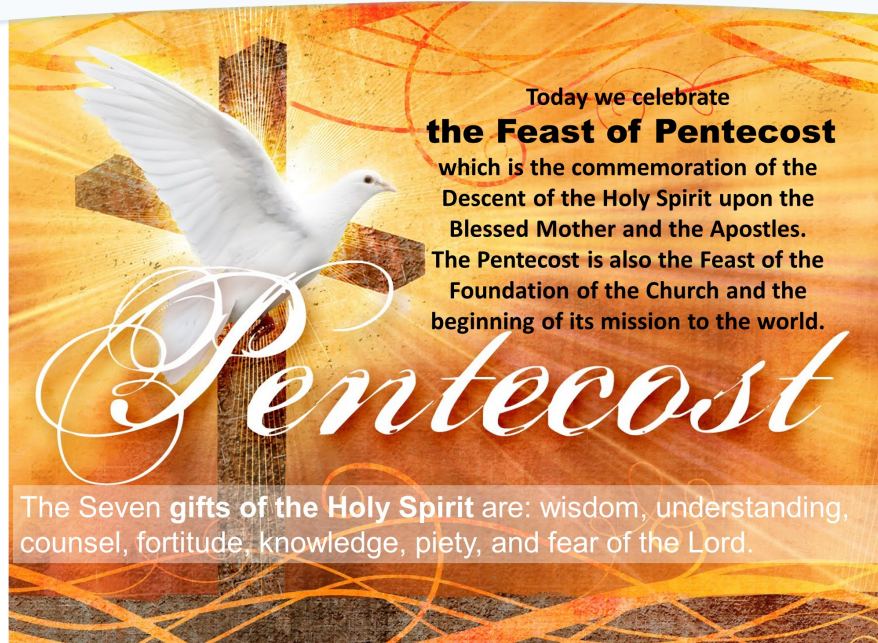
By this we know as far as is humanly possible, in an unknown way, the simple logoi of things found in God; we take out the truth from everything, as from a gushing spring of the heart, and we also share it in different ways with others.

It is the gifts of the Holy Spirit that guide us in the knowledge of God. Again Fr. Dimitru cautions, Only after the mind is cleansed not only from the passions but also from simple images and representations of things, will the direct knowledge of God be produced...

The work of the Holy Spirit is like a light shining into a dark room. As the light increases, the contents of the room become known. Through illumination the Spirit will illumine our consciousness so that we are filled with divine light. With this light all things become transparent and their meaning and relationship with God become very clear. We are enabled to penetrate beneath the surface of things.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, as traditionally defined, are:

- 1) **Wisdom:** We receive the gift of wisdom to help us understand the things of God, and to direct our whole life and all our actions to his honor and glory. Wisdom helps us see the world differently and from God's point of view. "O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!" (Romans 11:33)
- 2) **Understanding:** The gift of understanding enables us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith. "I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord; and they shall be my people and I will be their God" (Jeremiah 24:7).
- 3) **Counsel (also known as Right Judgment):** The gift of counsel helps us



to discern what is right and what is wrong. It assists us in our ability to choose the path of God. "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Matthew 7: 13-14).

●4) **Knowledge:** When we receive the gift of knowledge, it enables us to discover God's will in all things. "For I know the plans

I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

- 5) **Piety (also known as Reverence):** The gift of piety helps us to love God, our merciful Father, and to obey his precepts out of love for him. It moves our heart from serving God out of duty and obligation into a relationship of love. "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you" (John 15:15).
- 6) **Fortitude (also known as Courage):** While the gifts of knowledge and wisdom help us know what we should do, the gift of fortitude strengthens our will so that we can actually accomplish what is true, good and beautiful. This gift is sometimes called the gift of courage and helps a person stand firm, even when persecuted, in doing the right thing. "[T]hey will lay their hands on you and persecute you ... This will be a time for you to bear testimony ... I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict ... you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish" (Luke 21:12-17).
- 7) **Fear of the Lord (also known as Wonder and Awe):** Commonly misunderstood as the fear of a wrathful God ready to smite us, the gift of fear of the Lord is actually more positive than negative. It consists of a recognition of the grandeur of God and his primacy over all things. Fear of the Lord recognizes that God is the creator and sustainer of the universe and we are his creatures. This gift helps us to understand how we must depend on God for everything. In other words, he is God, we are not. "[I]f God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you" (Luke 12:27).



تتلقى مواهب الروح القدس السبع خلال المعمودية وهي بمثابة كنز عظيم يرشدنا في الحياة اليومية. هذه المواهب تجذبنا إلى قلب الله المفعم بالمحبة. نحن مباركون من قبل الله. وبالتالي هناك صلة موازية بين المواهب السبع والقداسة. فالأخيرة هي في الواقع ترجمتنا لمواهب الروح القدس.

“طوبى للْحَزَائِي، لِأَنَّهُمْ يَتَعَزَّوْنَ.” (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 1-12) أي الذين يندمون عن خطاياهم.

التقوى
تساعدنا هذه الموهبة على المثابرة على الصلاة وعلى إنجاز أعمالنا بالطريقة التي ترضي الله. “طوبى للوَدَعَاءِ، لِأَنَّهُمْ يَرِثُونَ الْأَرْضَ.” (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 1-12) أي أولئك الذين يؤدون الواجبات التي يطلبها الله منهم.

مخافة الله
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يا من ملأت نفس مريم بنعم جمة وأشعلت قلوب الرسل بحماس مقدس، تنازل واشعل قلبي بحبك.

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موهبة المشورة كي أختار كل ما هو الأنسب لضمان تقدمي الروحي وأكتشف كل المزالق والحيل والتجارب التي قد أتعرض لها.
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موهبة الحكمة كي أقدم كل أفعالي إلى الله لأتمكن من خلال خدمته ومحبته في هذه الحياة أن أحصل على السعادة الأبديّة في السماوات.
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بالنسبة لأولئك الذين يعتمدون على موهبة الحكمة يتوجه الإنجيل إليهم بهذه الكلمات: “طوبى للمَطْرُودِينَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْبِرِّ، لِأَنَّ لَهُمْ مَلَكُوتَ السَّمَاوَاتِ.” (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 1-12). إذا قد نعاني أحيانا من سلوك عدائي أو مضايقات من أي نوع بسبب إخلاصنا لله.

الحكمة
إنها الأهم من بين كل المواهب. الحكمة تقوي الحب في قلوبنا فمن خلال الحكمة يمكننا معرفة الله. الحب يتطلب موهبة الحكمة وفي الوقت نفسه فإن موهبة الحكمة تستحضر وتقوي وتديم الحب.

وبفضل هذه الموهبة نجد أنفسنا في حالة من النعمة: “طوبى لصانعي السَّلَامِ، لِأَنَّهُمْ أُبْنَاءُ اللَّهِ يُدْعَوْنَ.” (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 1-12). إن الذين يعارضون السلام من خلال أفعالهم ينقلون الصراعات إلى غيرهم.

الفهم
هذه الموهبة تدعم إيماننا. إنها فهم ما يطلبه الله منا وما يحذرنا منه من خلال الوصايا.

هذه الموهبة تسمح لنا أن نفهم، على سبيل المثال، لماذا عانى يسوع ولماذا قام من بين الأموات. “طوبى لِلْأَتَقِيَاءِ الْقَلْبِ، لِأَنَّهُمْ يُعَايِنُونَ اللَّهَ.” (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 8).

فناء القلب هو الحب الحقيقي. وكلما فهمنا إيماننا كلما أحببنا الله وأعجبنا به. كلما عرفنا مدى أهمية الله سنسعى جاهدين لعدم نفويت قداس يوم الأحد.

المشورة
هذه الموهبة تعطينا القدرة على معالجة الفقر الروحي والمادي.

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نحن مدعوون لممارسة الرحمة ونحن نخدم من خلال “أعمال الرحمة”. نطعم الجياع ونزور المرضى ونقدم الفقراء ونساعد المسافرين ونعيد الأنفوس الضالة إلى الطريق الصحيح.

القوة
“طوبى لِلْجِيَاعِ وَالْعَاطِشِ إِلَى الْبِرِّ، لِأَنَّهُمْ يُشْبَعُونَ.” (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 1-12).

من خلال القوة يمكننا المثابرة على إنجاز كل الأعمال التي يطلبها الله منا. هذه الموهبة تجعلنا لا نستسلم برغم التعب والعقبات التي قد تعترضنا.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



MAY	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	7 Holy Cross over Jerusalem Sunday of Samaritan Woman أحد السامريّة Acts 11:19-30 John 4:5-42	8 St John the Apostle 1 John 1:1-7 John 19:25-27, 21:24-25	9 Holy Prophet Isaiah Acts 12:25-13:12 John 8:51-59	10 St Simon the Apostle Leave-taking Mid-Paschaltide وداع متنصف الخمسين Acts 13:13-24 John 6:5-14	11 Foundation of Constantinople Sts Cyril and Methodios Acts 14:20-28, 15:1-4 John 9:39-10:9	12 St Germanos the Hymnographer Acts 15:5-12 John 10:17-28	13 St Glyceria Acts 15:35-41 John 10:27-38
	14 Sunday of Man born Blind أحد الأعمى Acts 16:16-34 John 9:1-38	15 St Achilles of Larissa Acts 17:1-9 John 11:47-54	16 St Theodore the Sanctified Acts 17:19-28 John 12:19-36	17 Leave-taking of Easter وداع الفصح Acts 18:22-28 John 12:36-47	18 ✠ Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ صعود ربنا يسوع المسيح Acts 1:1-12 Luke 24:36-53	19 🐟 St Patrick of Prusa Acts 19:1-8 John 14:1-11	20 St Thalleleos Acts 20:7-12 John 14:10-21
	21 Sts Constantine and Helena Fathers of 1 st council of Nicaea أحد الآباء المجتمعين في نيقية Acts 26:1, 12-20 John 17:1-13	22 St Rita القديسة ريتا Acts 21:8-14 John 14:27-15:7	23 St Michael the Confessor Acts 21:26-32 John 16:2-13	24 🐟 St Simeon the Younger Acts 23:1-11 John 16:15-23	25 Third Finding of the Head of St John the forerunner Acts 25:13-19 John 16:23-33	26 🐟 Leave-taking of Ascension وداع عيد الصعود Acts 27:1-44, 28:1 John 17:18-26	27 2 nd Saturday of the Dead السبت الثاني للراقيين Acts 28:1-31 John 21:14-25
	28 ✠ Pentecost أحد العنصرة العظيم المقدس Acts 2:1-11 John 7:37-59, 8:12	29 Monday of the Holy Spirit أثنين العنصرة Ephesians 5:8-19 Matthew 18:10-20	30 St Isaac of Dalmatia Romans 1:1-7, 13-17 Matthew 4:25-5:12	31 St Hermias Romans 1:18-27 Matthew 5:20-26			

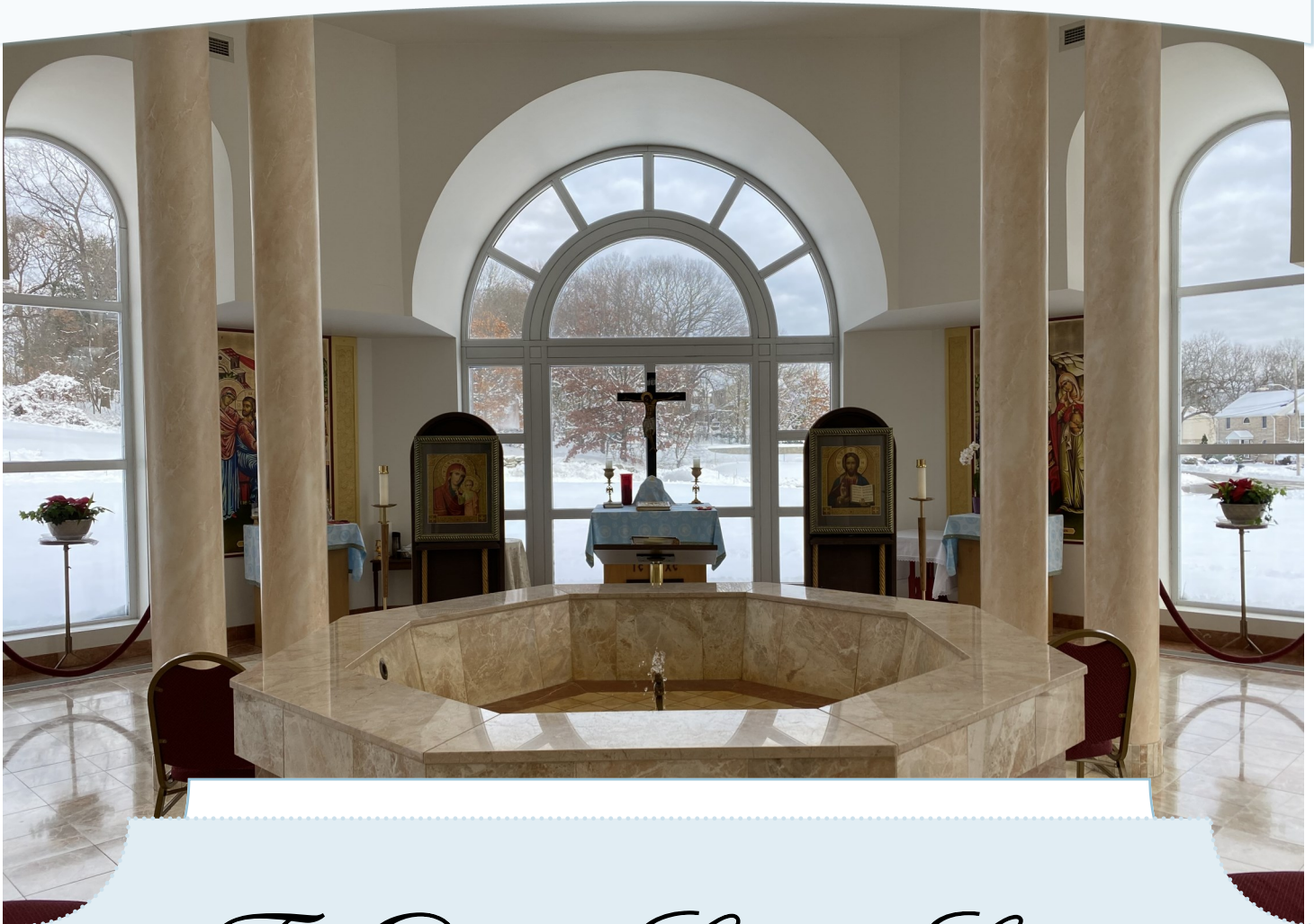
✠ Church Major Feasts

🐟 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**

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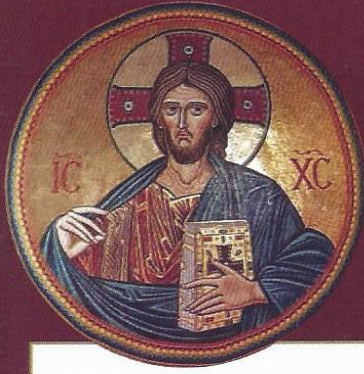
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OF HER POVERTY PUT IN ALL THE LIVING
THAT SHE HAD." *MARK 12:41-42*

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VOCATION PLAN

Christ Calls All to Serve

FEBRUARY 2023

Bishop François forms New Vocation Team

The goal is to create a “Culture of Service & Vocations” within the Melkite Catholic Church

As Bishop François Beyrouti begins his episcopal ministry, he is emphasizing the Lord’s invitation to “serve one another humbly in love” (Gal 5:13). In this spirit, one of his key priorities is to strengthen our focus on vocations throughout the Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Newton.

Thanks be to God, over the past few years, the Melkite Catholic Church in the United States has been blessed with many new vocations to the priesthood and diaconate. Looking toward the future, we can also see that many parishes have aging clergy who have been faithfully serving for so many years. Thus, there is a serious need to ensure uninterrupted pastoral care for our 50 churches and communities and to respond to the needs of our faithful who are asking us to establish new parishes.

Thus Bishop François has convened a new Vocation Team, headed by Fr. John Mefrige and composed of four other priests from each region of the eparchy. The challenge for the team is threefold.

The first task is to re-organize our efforts, both by standardizing the formation of priests and deacons, as well as establishing a clear process for men to discern God’s call.

Secondly, Bishop François’ vision is that new vocations will flow organically from active ministry in local parishes. Put simply, the men who will one day serve as priests and deacons must now be serving generously in other capacities. A campaign is planned to identify these men—both single and married—and invite them to discern a potential role as reader, subdeacon, deacon, or priest.



Finally, the Vocation Team aims to dramatically improve communications about vocations within the eparchy. For example, the Melkite Catholic community in the United States needs to see the joys of married clergy with families, as well as the blessing of men who serve celibately or enter monastic life. We have a number of digital and print projects planned for 2023 and beyond.

In summary, the Vocation Team is preparing to enter a multi-year process of organizing, inviting, and communicating a “pro-vocations” message throughout the eparchy. The overall vision is to build upon the core message that *Christ calls all to serve*—in all sorts of capacities—to make us a true *ecclesia*, a living Church. Every vocation is vital, including marriage and family, nuns, monks, and the clergy who lead our liturgical worship. ☀

INSIDE

Three Key Areas of the New Vocation Plan

1. Organization
2. Invitation
3. Communication



Organization



BEGAN NOVEMBER 2022

Vocation Team Roles

Fr. John Mefrige in San Antonio, Texas, is the director of our new Vocation Team. He is joined by representatives from various regions:

- Fr. Dimitri Saliba - Western Region
- Fr. Elias Dorham - MidAtlantic Region
- Fr. Philip Raczka - New England
- Fr. Bryan McNeil - Deacon Formation

In addition to representing a region of the eparchy, each member will also take on specific roles, including:

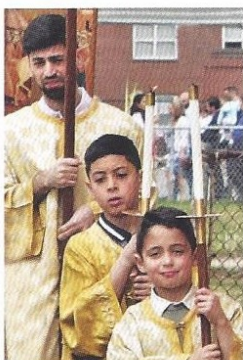
- Vocation promotion and communications
- Interviewing potential candidates
- Handling the application process
- Overseeing the formation of seminarians



SPRING 2023

Clergy & Candidate Databases

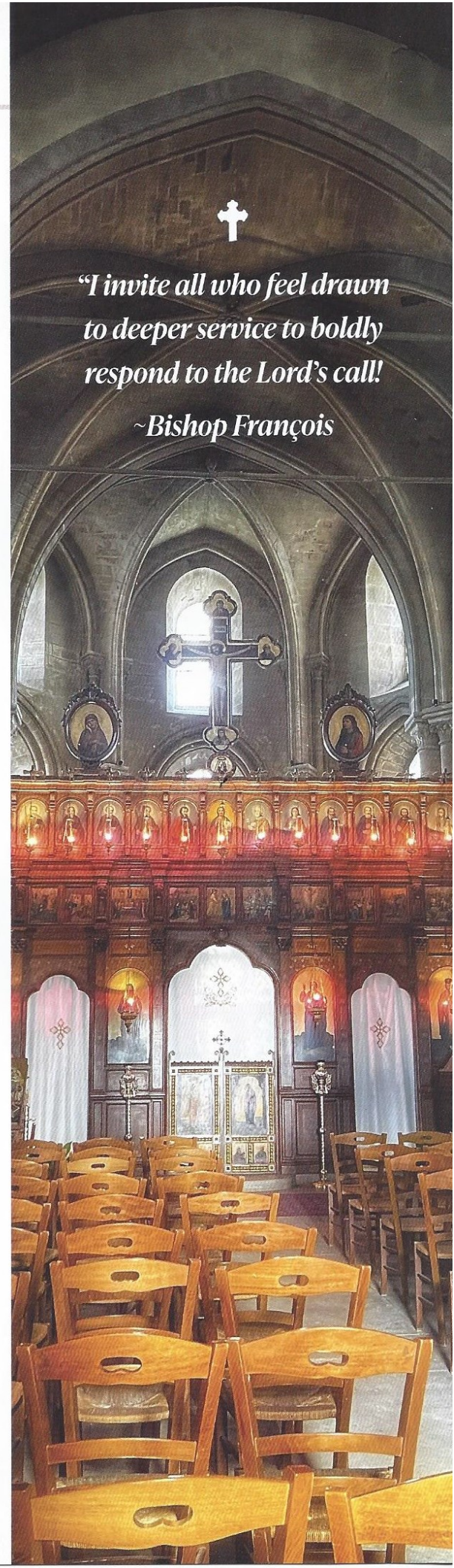
One essential task is to update the biographical information of all our clergy. This will help Bishop François to review the assignments of each deacon and priest and plan for future transitions and retirements. For example, simply knowing the birth dates of all priests allows us to project retirement dates and estimate how many new men we need in formation to serve our growing communities. Similarly, our Vocation Team is streamlining the way we keep track of prospects with a new database of candidates.



2023-2024

Standardizing the Application & Formation Process

We have had a wealth of excellent candidates, but their paths to ordination have been widely varied. Our plan is to standardize the entire process, for both priests and deacons, beginning with a new, more rigorous application process, and continuing with well-defined tracks for both married and celibate seminarians.



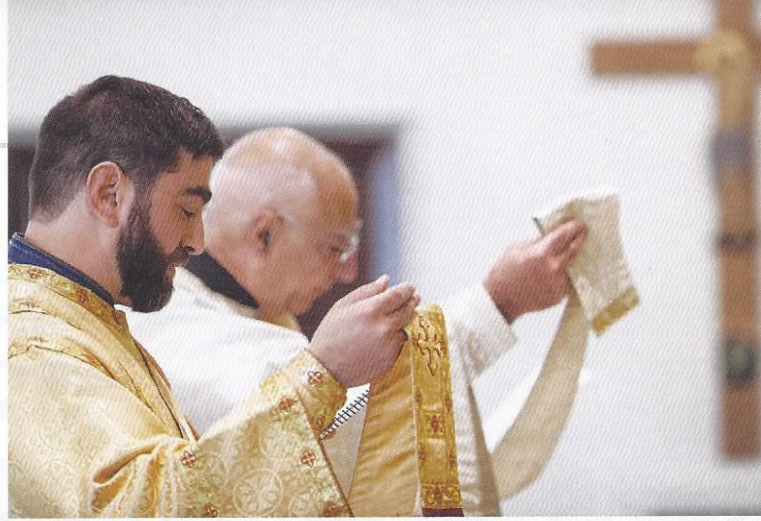
*“I invite all who feel drawn
to deeper service to boldly
respond to the Lord’s call!”*

~Bishop François

Invitation

Becoming Fishers of Men

A call to deeper service is always a call from Christ himself. Experience shows, however, that the call is most often mediated by parish priests. Over the next three years, the role of priests as “inviters” will be a recurring theme in our regular Clergy meetings and annual Clergy Conference. We will also be sending resources to equip priests to be mentors to men in their parishes. The goal is to encourage priests to be true “fishers of men.”



FALL 2023

Called by Name ✠

Will You Help Identify Future Clergy?

Perhaps the most exciting part of our Vocation Plan is a campaign to identify candidates for readers, subdeacons, deacons, and priests. “Called by Name” will be an eparchy-wide process in which clergy and laity can submit the names of men in our parishes who may

be called to these ministries. Importantly, candidates should be longstanding, faithful members who have demonstrated stability of life and a heart for service. As Jesus told us: “If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you” (John 13:14-15).

WINTER 2023-2024

Online Discernment Meetings

Men who are submitted in the Called by Name campaign will be invited to begin the discernment process through a series of online meetings with Bishop François and the Vocation Team. The purpose is to open dialogue and offer guidance for listening to God’s call.

SPRING 2024

Discernment Retreat

Those who have faithfully participated in the online meetings will be invited to an in-person Discernment Retreat. This is an opportunity for talks, personal prayer, and Liturgical Prayer. The goal is that after the retreat, we will have a good sense of the next cohort of men who will advance into formation, either toward diaconate or priesthood.



Communication



SPRING AND FALL, 2023-2024

Vocations Bulletin

In the coming months, keep your eyes open for our Vocations Bulletin! It will be similar in format to this Vocation Plan and will include articles and photos highlighting our new seminarians, readers, subdeacons, deacons, priests, monks, and nuns. We will also focus on their families who nourish them and also highlight couples who are in ministry together. The overall goal is to show that living out one's baptism is the path to holiness—and that responding to God's call begins with faithful service and an open heart.

APRIL AND NOVEMBER, 2023-2024

Bi-annual Vocation Days

Twice a year, in Spring and Fall, the Vocations Team will prepare resources for parishes to place special emphasis on vocations, by preaching as well as in children's catechesis and youth ministry. This will align with the readings and Feast days in our Melkite Catholic liturgical calendar.

New Online Presence for Vocations

We will include robust vocation pages on the Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Newton's website, Melkite.org. This will refresh our online presence, and provide a platform for our Called by Name program and other Vocation resources.

Other Communication Efforts

In Year Two of our Vocation Plan, we would like to re-energize our social media presence, specifically with a series of videos on priests, deacons, and seminarians. We will also work on an e-newsletter with tips and encouragement for young people to live out their baptism and discern their vocations.



All Have a Role to Play

The Vocation Plan is not just the work of the Vocation Team. It requires the enthusiastic support of clergy, educators, and those who work with youth. Above all, it requires families who make their home a true domestic church. All are encouraged to find some role to play. Keep in mind that our Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Newton's Vocation Plan is open to your feedback and creativity. Feel free to be creative in your parish and to share with us your ideas and most importantly begin to develop a culture of ministry that encourages Vocations in your family and parish. It is never too early to reply personally or to keep your eyes open to send us names of those you feel should be encouraged to serve in this way. 🌟

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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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