



March 24 2024

ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Divine Liturgy

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM

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(401)722-1345

Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before and after 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



Palm Sunday:

The Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Christ God, You prefigured us Your glorious Resurrection when You raised Your friend Lazarus from the tomb. Wherefore, we Your beloved people, offer You praise with pure mouths, praying You to make us worthy participants in Your Holy Passion and Your glorious Resurrection. For it belongs to You to have mercy on us, O Christ our God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, and to Your Eternal Father and to Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

First Troparion of the Feast, 1st Tone (Twice)

O Christ God, when You raised Lazarus from the dead, before the time of your passion, you confirmed the future resurrection of all. We too, like the children of old, carry before You the symbols of your triumph and victory and cry out to You, the conqueror of Death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Other Troparion (Fourth Tone)

O Christ our God, we have been buried with You in baptism: wherefore we merited eternal life through your resurrection. We cry out to You, singing a hymn of praise: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Kondakion of the Feast, 6th Tone

O Christ God enthroned in heaven, and on earth riding upon an ass; You have accepted the praise of the angels and the hymns of the children who were crying out to You: "Blessed are You who come to restore Adam."

صلاه الأنديفوننة

أيها المسيحُ الإله، لقد سبقت فرسمت لنا قيامتك الموقرة لِمَا أنهضت من القبر حبيبك لعازر. فلذلك نحنُ شعبك المحبوب نُقدّم لك التسبيح من أفواه طاهرة، طالبين أن نُؤهلنا لمشاهدة آلامك المقدسة وقيامتك المجيدة لأنك أن ترحمنا وتخلصنا، أيها المسيحُ الإله، وإليك نرفع المجد وإلى أبيك الأزليّ وروحك القدس، الآن وكل أوان وإلى دهر الدهرين. آمين .

نشيد أحد الشعانين- باللحن الاول - مرتين

أيها المسيحُ الإله، لما أقمّت لعازر من بين الأموات قبل الآلام، مؤكّداً القيامة العامّة. فنحنُ أيضاً مثل الفتیان، نحملُ رموزَ الانتصار، هاتفينُ اليك يا غالب الموت: هوشّعنا في الأعالي. مبارکُ الآتي باسم الرب.

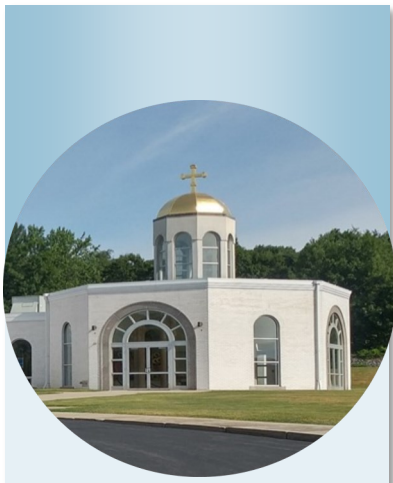
النشيد الثاني- (باللحن الرابع)

أيها المسيحُ الإله، لقد دُفِنّا معك بالمعمودية، فاستحققنا بقيامتك الحياة الخالدة. فنصرُ مسبّحين: هوشّعنا في الأعالي. مبارکُ الآتي باسم الرب.

نشيد الختام(القنداق) باللحن السادس

أيها المسيحُ الإله، الجالس على عرش في السماء والراكب عفوّاً على الأرض، لقد قبلت تسبيح الملائكة ونشيد الفتیان الهاتفينُ اليك: مبارکُ أنت الآتي لتُنعش آدم.





Our church organizations:

MAYA: Organization of Melkite Catholics ages 18 – 26 (and at least 1 year out of high school) under patronage of our bishop, the Most Reverend Nicholas Samra.
<https://melkite.org/maya>

MYO: Provides a common forum for all the young people of St. Basil's Church, and that the Organization initiate, coordinate, and direct religious, social, educational, and humanitarian programs designed to promote the involvement of its membership in the Christian Faith and the Melkite tradition.
www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com/myo.html

NAMW: Promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States.
<https://melkite.org/namw>



Epistle: Palm Sunday, Philippians 4:4-9

PROKIMENON (Tone 4)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and he has appeared to us.

Stichon: Sing to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in every prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And may God's peace that surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

For the rest, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever honorable, whatever just, whatever holy, whatever lovable, whatever of good repute, if there be any virtue, if anything is worthy of praise: consider these things. And what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these things practice — and the God of peace will be with you. ALLELUIA (Tone 3)

Sing to the Lord a new song; for the Lord has done wonderful works.

Stichon: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Gospel: Palm Sunday, John 12: 1-18 (The Glorious Entry into Jerusalem)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany the home of Lazarus, he had raised from the dead. And they made him a supper there; and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those sitting at table with him. Mary therefore took a pound of ointment, genuine nard of great value, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and with her hair wiped his feet dry. And the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. Then one of his disciples, Judas son of Simon the Iscariot, the one who was about to betray him, said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii, and given to the poor?" Now he said this, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and holding the purse, used to take what was put in it. Jesus therefore said, "Let her be: she was to keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you have always with you, but you do not always have me." Now the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there; and they came, not only because of Jesus, but that they might see Lazarus, the man he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also. For on his account many of the Jews began to leave them and to believe in Jesus. Now the next day the great crowd which had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took up palm fronds and went out to meet him. And they cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass, and sat upon it, as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, thy king comes, sitting upon the colt of an ass." These things his disciples did not at first understand. But when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered these things were written about him, and that they had done these things to him. The crowd therefore, which was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness to him. And the reason why the crowd also went to meet him was that they heard he had worked this sign.

رسالة أحد الشعانين

مبارك الآتي باسم الرب،

الرب هو الله،

وقد ظهر لنا اعترفوا للرب فإنه صالح،

لان إلى الابد رحمته

الرسالة (فيلبي 4: 4 – 9)

يا اخوة، افرحوا في الرب كل حين، وأقول أيضاً افرحوا. ليكن حلمكم معروفاً عند جميع الناس. الرب قريب. لا تهتموا بشيء، بل في كل شيء فلتكن طلباتكم معلومة لدى الله بالصلاة والتضرع مع الشكر. وسلام الله الذي يفوق كل فهم، يحفظ قلوبكم وبصائرهم في المسيح يسوع. وبعد أيها الاخوة، مهما يكن من حق، أو أدب، أو عدل، أو نقاوة، أو صفة محببة، أو حُسن صيت، إن تكن فضيلة أو مديح، ففي هذه فلتكن أفكاركم. وما تعلمتموه وتسلمتموه وسمعتموه ورأيتموه في فيهدا اعملوا، وإله السلام يكون معكم. هلوليا

تنموا للرب ترنيماً جديداً، لأن الرب صنع عجائب

رأت جميع أقاصي الارض خلاص إلهنا.

الانجيل (يوحنا 12: 1 – 18)

قبل الفصح بستة ايام، أتى يسوع إلى بيت عنيا، حيث كان لعازر الذي مات وأقامه يسوع من بين الاموات. فصنعوا له هناك عشاء، وكانت مرثا تخدم، وكان لعازر أحد المتكئين معه. أما مريم فأخذت رطل طيب من مائع الناردين كثير الثمن، ودهنت قدمي يسوع ومسحت قدميه بشعرها، فبعق البيت براحة الطيب. فقال أحد تلاميذه، يهوذا بن سمعان الإسخريوطي، الذي كان مزعماً أن يُسلمه. لم لم يُبع هذا الطيب بثلاث مئة دينارٍ ويعطى للمساكين؟ وإنما قال هذا لاهتماماً منه بالمساكين بل لأنه كان سارقاً، واذ كان الكيس عنده كان يأخذ ما يلقي فيه. فقال يسوع: دعها إنما حفظته ليوم دفني. فإن المساكين هم عندكم في كل حين، وأما أنا فلست معكم في كل حين. وعلم جمع كثير من اليهود أنه هناك، فجاؤوا لا من أجل يسوع فقط بل لينظروا أيضاً لعازر الذي أقامه من بين الاموات. فقص رؤساء الكهنة أن يقتلوا لعازر أيضاً. لأن كثيراً من اليهود كانوا بسببه يذهبون فيؤمنون بيسوع. وفي الغد لما سمع الجمع الكثير الذين جاؤوا إلى العيد بأن يسوع يأتي إلى اورشليم، أخذوا سعف النخل وخرجوا لاستقباله وهم يصرخون قائلين: هوشعنا، مبارك الآتي باسم الرب ملك إسرائيل. وان يسوع وجد جحشاً فركبه، كما هو مكتوب. لا تخافي يا ابنة صهيون، ها إن ملكك يأتيك راكباً على جحش ابن أتان. هذه الاشياء لم يفهمها تلاميذه أولاً ولكن لما مجد يسوع، حينئذ تذكروا أن هذه إنما كتبت عنه وأنهم عملوها له. وكان يشهد له الجمع الذين كانوا معه حين نادى لعازر من القبر وأقامه من بين الاموات. ومن أجل هذا استقبله الجمع لانهم سمعوا بأنه قد صنع هذه الآية.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024: PALM SUNDAY. THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS ENTRY OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM.

9:00 a.m:

- + ELIAS AZRAK by Dr. & Mrs. Jason Boudjouk.
- + NANCY AISSIS by M/M V. Edward Fayan & Family.
- + BARBARA AZRAK COLICCHIO by Mary Carvalho & Family.
- + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KANDO FAMILY by Mary Carvalho & Family.
- + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CARVALHO FAMILY by Mary Carvalho & Family.
- + JAMES L. & LILLIAN KOURY SALOME by the Family.

11:15 a.m:

- + DR. ADEL ZAKI RABBAT by Mr. George Mussalli & Dr. Sherine Rabbat & Family.
- + FADILA TOUBIA by Bill & Nancy Haddad.
- + NAJAT CHARCHAFLIAH by Wayne & Judy Rawan.
- + SAMUEL SABBAGH (10th Anniv.) by his loving children & their Families.
- + JULIA KISHFY (22nd Anniv.) by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.
- + GEORGE BOUDJOUK (5th Anniv.) by his wife Kawsar Boudjouk & Family.
- + ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KOUSSA FAMILY OF VENEZUELA by Kawsar Boudjouk & Children.
- + ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BOUDJOUK FAMILY by Kawsar Boudjouk & Children.
- + YOUSEF GEORGI by Jane Jabren.
- + MAGEE MARTINEZ by Tony & Magda Dekki.
- + NICOLA HANNA ZABOURA by Paul & Chirin Ashkar.
- + JOHN R. ROWEY by Paul & Chirin 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: March 17, 2024: Budgets: \$3,877.00 (Envelopes: \$3,6330.00; Loose: \$244.00); Candles: \$117.00; Stole Offerings: \$185.00; Building Fund: \$127.00; Addit'l Fuel: \$70.00; Cemetery: \$130.00.

Father Ephrem has now been here three and a half years and has been fully available for 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 this New Year.

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.

2024 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS are available-free for the taking-at both entrances of the Church. 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.

CLEANLINESS AND 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!

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE of any change of address or telephone number information. This will cut down on returned mail and time waste. Unfortunately, this has been an ongoing request but to no avail. Kindly give this your undivided attention and as Our Lord says in His parables: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear. "

PLEASE NOTE: Before making any ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE 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.

REFLECTION: "Lost time is never found again." - Benjamin Franklin

EASTER FLOWERS: Many parishioners have followed the long-time tradition of donating lilies to the Church for the Easter Season. If you would like to participate in this tradition, please sign your name on the bulletin board located outside the kitchen area. Since we have a larger sanctuary area to cover, we would appreciate your generosity in this regard, to enhance the Church at this most blessed season. Please make your \$10 offering to Barbara O'Rourke or Christine Durnin.

APPARITION OF CHRIST TO HIS DISCIPLES: It is the custom in our Melkite tradition to read the Gospel in many languages following the Easter Resurrection Liturgy symbolizing that the Good News of the Resurrection was proclaimed throughout the world in every language. Many parishioners who speak different languages have requested that they be permitted to take part in this venerable tradition. Therefore, it is only fair that we alternate readers yearly who would like to participate. We ask that anyone who is interested in reading at either the Saturday evening Liturgy, or the Easter morning Liturgy, please give your name to any member of the clergy so that we can prepare a schedule in advance. Men of the Parish who would like to carry the **EPITAPHIOS (tomb containing funeral shroud of Christ)** in procession on Good Friday, March 29th, are urged to contact Bill Haddad at 258-6133, no later than Monday, March 25th, 2024.

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

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.



Following Jesus Kids bulletin

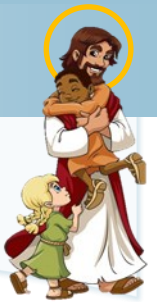


ByziKids 2024 Countdown to Pascha

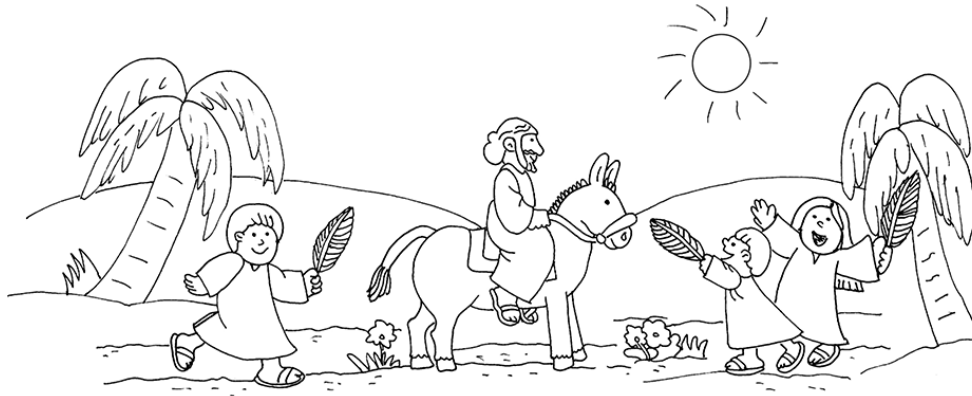
Western Calendar Edition

March 17 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Learn her story and be inspired!	March 16 Practice the prayer to the Theotokos today	March 15 Tonight, listen for the entrance hymn & pray with the angels when Jesus enters!	March 14 Help someone whom you are tempted NOT to love today	March 13 Set aside a special time to sit before your icon corner and rest with Jesus a while	March 12 Be a helper like Simon of Cyrene. Help someone with a difficult task today	March 11 Make "Crown of Thorn Pretzel Rolls" Get the recipe at ByziMom.com	March 10 Sunday of St. John the Ladder Step by step, We're getting close	March 9 Clean your closets today and consider donating things you've outgrown	March 8 Think about the angels today and how your own angel helps you keep the fast	March 7 Review and discuss the guidelines for proper behavior at Liturgy with your family	March 6 Watch for another opportunity to be a helper today!	March 5 Do a secret good deed for someone who is in need.	March 4 Review the litany said at Divine Liturgy and think of someone you know for each petition	March 3 Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross	March 2 Learn or review the Prayer before Communion	March 1 The Family is made in God's image...3 in 1! Review Psalm 127	February 29 Learn and practice the Jesus Prayer with your new beads	February 28 Make a choiki bracelet with 20 beads to pray with every day and night!	February 27 Defend your faith... Learn and review the concepts in the Creed	February 26 Dust your room and think about cleaning the dust from your soul too!	February 25 Sunday of the Paralyzed Man Practice prayer today!	February 24 Remember to practice obedience, as Jesus was obedient to his parents too!	February 23 Take time to look outside notice the wonderful things God has made.	February 22 Learn about your patron saint	February 21 O Joyful Light	February 20 Plant some basil seeds in pots today for Pascha	February 19 Visit someone who is sick or lonely, or maybe send them a card	February 18 Sunday of Orthodoxy Gather your icons and have a procession!	February 17 Saturday of Theodore the Recruit Read this really cool story at ByziMom.com	February 16 Clean Friday Make Kutija (K'oliva) in honor of St. Theodore's miracle	February 15 Clean Thursday Learn the Prayer of St. Ephrem	February 14 Clean Wednesday Practice your prostrations	February 13 Clean Tuesday It's a great day to clean your room!	February 12 Clean Monday The Great Fast Begins! Here we go!	February 11 Cheesefare/ Forgiveness Sunday: Ask forgiveness of all in your household
March 19 Learn about St. Longinus today and how his eyesight was restored by Jesus. How merciful is HE?!!	March 20 After you receive Jesus in the Eucharist tonight, close your eyes and struggle with Him a while.	March 21 Practice the prayer to the Theotokos today!	March 22 Today is the last day of the Great Fast. Passion week is coming soon.	March 23 Lazarus Saturday Listen to the gospel story & think about what you would do if you saw that!	March 24 Palm/Flower Sunday Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!	March 25 Great and Holy Monday The Annunciation Mt 21:18-20 Talk with your family about ways you can be a fruitful branch.	March 26 Great and Holy Tuesday Mt 24:46-50:20 Keep the light burning for Jesus in your soul!	March 27 Great and Holy Wednesday Mt 26:6-16 Tonight YOU can receive HOLY UNCTION	March 28 Great and Holy Thursday 1 Cor 11:23-32 Spend some extra time with Jesus in prayer tonight.	March 29 Great and Holy Friday Be especially quiet and solemn today in honor of Jesus suffering and death.	March 30 Great and Holy Saturday Help your family prepare for the celebration to PASCCHA! PASCCHA!																								

Following Jesus - Kids bulletin



The Triumphal Entry

























































HOSANNA!

BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN
THE NAME OF THE LORD!

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

Produced by BibleQuizzes.org.uk



While  and His apostles were in the  of Gethsemane, wicked men came and took Him away. And at a place called Calvary, they crucified  on a  between two thieves. From the   prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Later  cried, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." and bowed His head and died. The death of  made the  who loved Him very sad. His body was taken to a  in a nearby . After wrapping Him in white fine linen, He was tenderly laid in the . A large  was rolled in front of the entrance to the . Those who had  put to death asked that the  be sealed.  were also ordered to stand guard. For two days  lay in the  and the  kept watch. Then before the morning  of the third day an  came and rolled the  away. When the  saw the , they were frightened and fell to the ground. The

 then fled in fright. On this same morning  and several other  came to the tomb bringing  for the body of . They found the  gone and the  rolled away. There was an  standing at the , and the  were afraid. The  said, "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." The  told the  to go and tell the . Later  returned to the . As she stood outside the   appeared to her. Many other  also saw . He appeared to the  and stayed with them for **40** days. He ate with  and taught them many things.  told these men to teach all nations and baptize the . After  taught the , He blessed them. Then the  saw  taken up to heaven and two  declared, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

Adapted by Fr Vitalii Stashkevych (BCC) for the Gregorian Calendar

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week JANUARY 21 ST	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week JANUARY 28 TH	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 4 TH FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare FEBRUARY 11 TH FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1 ST Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 18 TH	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2 ND Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 25 TH	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3 RD Sunday of Lent MARCH 3 RD	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4 TH Sunday of Lent MARCH 10 TH	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5 TH Sunday of Lent MARCH 17 TH	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24 TH GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY MARCH 29 TH	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MARCH 31 ST NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

وجوه وسط الزحام في يوم دخول الرب يسوع إلى اورشليم



نجد أن كثيرين لا يعرفون حقاً من هو يسوع: فهم لا يعرفون خطة الله لحياتهم، ويعتمدون على برهم الذاتي وعلى أعمالهم للخلاص. أي أنهم يحتفلون بذكرى دخول الرب يسوع إلى اورشليم دون أن يعرفوه نهائياً. كذلك فإن الضائعين والمترتبكين لا يفهمون رسالة الرب يسوع والقصد من مجيئه، مثل سكان اورشليم في أيام الرب يسوع الذين اعتقدوا أنه جاء ليكون ملكاً أرضياً ويخلصهم من الاحتلال الروماني. وكثيرون مثلهم اليوم يرون في شخص الرب وكأنه مصدر رزق مادي لهم، أو قارب نجاة لحياتهم الإجتماعية، ولكنهم لا يرونه سبباً لوجودهم ورياً ومخلصاً لحياتهم.

ثالثاً: المزيفون والمتظاهرون بالتقوى: على مدى تاريخ الكنيسة، كان المزيفون ومدعو التقوى حاضرين في كل مكان وكل مناسبة "دينية"، وهم عادة من يجيدون تمثيل الإيمان، ومن يريدون أن يراهم الناس ويمدحونهم، ولكنهم لم يسلموا حياتهم لشخص الرب يسوع المسيح. وما أسهل أن يخون مثل هؤلاء الرب، كما فعل يهوذا الأسخريوطي. يأتي بعض الناس إلى الكنيسة من أجل راحة الضمير. ويأتي البعض الآخر لأنها أصبحت عادة في حياته. ويأتي فريق آخر من أجل أهداف أرضية لا تمجد الله أبداً. مثل هؤلاء عميان ولا يعرفون الرب فعلاً، ولا يعرفون خطته لحياتهم. وعادة فإن مدعي الإيمان والمزيفين ينقادون بشكل سريع للآراء السلبية والهدامة، وهم يسرون في الطرق السهلة التي لا يوجد فيها مقاومة. فهم يذهبون إلى الكنيسة، ويقومون بأعمال العبادة المختلفة من ترانيم وصلوات، ولكنهم في نفس الوقت يعرفون حقيقة أنفسهم بأنهم ممثلون ومنافقون.

رابعاً: الفضوليون، أي الذين يحركهم حب الاستطلاع. نقرأ في يوحنا 17:12-18: "وَكأن الْجَمْعُ الَّذِي مَعَهُ يَشْهَدُ أَنَّهُ دَعَا لِعَارَازٍ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَأَقَامَهُ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ. لِهَذَا أَيْضاً لِقَاءَهُ الْجَمْعُ لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا أَنَّهُ كَانَ قَدْ صَنَعَ هَذِهِ الْأَيَّةَ". الذين دخلوا اورشليم مع الرب يسوع شهدوا للجموع التي كانت في المدينة عن إقامة الرب يسوع للعازر من الموت. وبين هؤلاء كان جمع من الفضوليين. هؤلاء حركهم فضولهم للبعث من أجل رؤية هذا الإنسان الذي قام بعمل مدهل، أي إقامة لعازر من الموت. مثل هؤلاء الناس ليسوا مكرسين للرب يسوع، وليسوا أعداء له أيضاً. فهم سمعوا أشياء مثيرة وملفنة للنظر عن يسوع، وجاؤوا ليرى بأنفسهم حقيقة ما سمعوا عنه. أي أنهم كانوا يبحثون عن اختبار مدهل ومثير، ولا يبحثون عن الحق.

خامساً: المعارضون والمعادون والمتآمرون: نقرأ في لوقا 19:39: "وَأَمَّا بَعْضُ الْقَرَسِيِّينَ مِنَ الْجَمْعِ فَقَالُوا لَهُ: يَا مُعَلِّمُ أَنْتَهْزِ تَلَامِيذَكَ" وفي يوحنا 12:42: "فقرأنا أن كثيرين من الناس: "لَسَبَبِ الْقَرَسِيِّينَ لَمْ يَغْتَرَفُوا بِهِ لِيَتَلَّابُوا بِخَارِجِ الْمَجْمَعِ". المعارضون للرب يسوع هم الأشخاص الذي يريدون تحقيق مصالحهم الشخصية. هم الذين يرفضون لاهوت وسلطان وملكوت الرب يسوع، ويريدون أن يجلبوا انتباه الناس إلى أنفسهم بدلاً من رب المجد يسوع. هم الذين لا يريدون أن يكرسوا أنفسهم للرب يسوع، وذلك لأن التكريس يعني التغيير، ويعني أن التركيز يجب أن ينصب على الرب يسوع وليس عليهم. المعارضون هم من يريدون أن يدمروا رسالة الرب يسوع، وأن يدمروا ويقضوا على من ينادي برسالة الرب يسوع. لاحظ قول الإنجيل المقدس في مرقس 9:11: "وَالَّذِينَ تَقَدَّمُوا وَالَّذِينَ تَبِعُوا كَانُوا يَضْرَحُونَ قَائِلِينَ: أَوْصَانًا مُبَارَكًا الَّذِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ!""

لم تتغير حالة الناس اليوم. فما أسهل من أن تنقلب المشاعر والعواطف بين ليلة وضحاها. اليوم نصرخ ونهتف ونشجع شخصاً ما، وغداً ننقلب على ذات الشخص بروح التقد والهجوم والعداء. ما أسهل أن تتبع جموع الهاتفين، لأن الفرصة وقتها تكون متاحة للهتاف مثل الآخرين. فعندما يكون هنالك احتفال كبير، أو اجتماع حاشد للعبادة والتسبيح، يستطيع كل فرد أن يشارك. ولكن عندما تأتي لحظة الإمتحان الحقيقي، لحظة الطاعة الشخصية للرب، فما أسهل أن يسقط الفرد ويفشل حتى في إطاعة أبسط وصايا الرب، مثل مسامحة الآخرين أو تشجيعهم أو معاملتهم بحبته وتواضع. نخرط بين الجموع لأننا لا نلاحظ، ونكون وجهاً في الزحام. نرتب في الكنيسة مع الجموع، ولكننا ن فشل في حياتنا الروحية الفردية. ونفشل في بيوتنا حتى في قراءة آية واحدة من الإنجيل يومياً.

السؤال الذي يتحدانا: من أي المجموعات أنت وأنت وأنا؟ يعرف الرب يسوع كل واحد منا حتى ولو كنا بين الجموع المحتشدة. يعرف الرب يسوع قصتي وقصتك، وخطاياي وخطاياك. يرى الرب يسوع وجهك، ويرى أيضاً قلبك. يريد الرب يسوع أن يكون ملكاً على حياتك اليوم، فهل تقبله رياً ومخلصاً لك. هل تصرخ مع الجموع قائلاً: أوصناً. أوصناً. أوصناً.

أحد الشعانين هو أحد الأعياد السبعة المرتبطة بالقيامة، وله خصوصية في حياة السيد المسيح والكنيسة معاً، ويمتاز بعلامات مهمة فإنه يوم فرح ويوم خلاص فالمسيح جاء ليخلص الخطاة وليصنع بداية جديدة

يحتل أحد الشعانين الذي تفسره "هوشعنا أي خلص يارب" ذروة حياة يسوع العلنية السائر إلى آلامه وموته كما يُبين لنا الإنجيلي يوحنا. في هذه المناسبة واللمرة الأولى، يعلن يسوع عن ذاته أنه "ملك إسرائيل" الداخل إلى عاصمة ملكه اورشليم. في وسط تلك الهتافات توجه يسوع إلى هيكل الله ليعيده بيت صلاة ومقرراً للعبادة الحقيقية. فملكية يسوع بشكلها الشامل هي على مثال ملكية الله نفسه في اورشليم، وهذه الملكية تنطلق من إسرائيل لتصل إلى سائر الشعوب.

كلنا نعرف قصة دخول الرب يسوع المظفرة إلى اورشليم، ومعظمنا حملنا "الشعانين" أو أغصان النخيل ونحن أطفالاً. أي أن القصة مألوفة ومعروفة جداً. والمألوف قد يجعلنا غير مدركين أو متيقظين بما فيه الكفاية لجمال وروعة وعظمة وجلال الحدث الذي نحن بصدده. لذلك علينا الحذر من أن نصبح احتفالاتنا روتينية، وذلك حتى لا نفقد الدهشة والروعة في قصة دخول الرب يسوع إلى اورشليم. وبالتالي نتجاوب مع الحدث ببرود، وهذا بالضبط ما يريده الشيطان: البلادة في الحسن الزوجي.

فمع أن الرب يسوع لم يكن قد انتصر في معركة عسكرية. ولم تكن معه جيوش جزارة. ولم يكن ركباً على مركبة تجرها خيول مزخرفة بالذهب والغار. إلا أن الناس هتفوا يومها له بصراخ لا يعلو إلا للملوك والعظماء، مع أنه جاء وديعاً ومتواضعاً وراكباً على أتان. جاء لكي يموت على الصليب من أجلنا. جاء إلى اورشليم لأنها مدينة الملك العظيم. زمن الموكب: تم دخول الرب يسوع إلى اورشليم في بداية أسبوع الإحتفال بعيد الفصح عند اليهود. وبحسب شريعة العهد القديم، كان على اليهود المشتئين في عدد من دول العالم أن يحضروا في موسم العيد إلى اورشليم لتقديم ذبائح الفصح في الهيكل. وهكذا كان عشرات الآلاف، وربما مئات الآلاف، يحتشدون في اورشليم في فترة عيد الفصح. يعني هذا الكلام بكل بساطة أن عدداً ضخماً من الناس قد شاهد دخول موكب الرب يسوع إلى اورشليم، وقد كان موكباً يضاهي موكب القادة والملوك العظام، مع أن دخوله كان بطريقة متواضعة ومسالمة. فلم يكن على رأسه لكيل انتصار، ولم يكن ركباً حصاناً قوياً، بل على جحش إبن أتان.

كان الرب يعلم تماماً ما الذي ينتظره في اورشليم من خيانة واعتقال وتعذيب ومحاكمة وجلدٍ وصلبٍ وموتٍ، ومع ذلك جاء إلى اورشليم علناً لكي تتم كل نبوءات الله فيه. دخل الرب يسوع اورشليم متواضعاً وراكباً على أتان. أي دخل بعمل رمزي يشير إلى أنه: 1. رئيس السلام: دخل الرب يسوع اورشليم بسلام، ولذلك لم تعترض على دخوله السلطات الرومانية التي كانت تحتل اورشليم في أيام المسيح. فمن يركب حماراً ولا يحمل سلاحاً لا يهدد أمن الدولة، ولا يثير مشاكل لأحد، إلا لمن أراد أن يثار من محبة الناس وهتافهم لرب المجد يسوع، وهم رجال الدين بالتحديد.

لو تفحصنا الجموع جيداً، لوجدنا أنه كان هنالك خمسة أنواع من الناس وسط هذا الحشد الكبير:

أولاً: المؤمنون المكترسون: المكترسون هم الذين يتبعون الرب يسوع ويخضعون لمشيئته، ويعترفون به رياً وسيداً لحياتهم، ويطيعونه إلى التمام، ويذهبون ويعملون ما يريده منهم، ويعطون من حياتهم طوعاً لمجد الرب. وهؤلاء كانوا تلاميذه من الرسل وغيرهم. كما نقرأ في متى 6:21: "فَدَهَبَ التَّلَامِيذَانِ وَقَعَلَا كَمَا أَمَرَهُمَا يَسُوعُ".

ثانياً: المتربكون والمحتارون والضائعون: وهم الأغلبية بين الجموع، وهم مثل الغنم التي لا راع لها. نقرأ في متى 10:21: "وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ أُورُشَلِيمَ ارْتَجَبَ الْمَدِينَةَ كُلَّهَا قَائِلَةً: مَنْ هَذَا؟". فقال الجموع في الآية 11 "هَذَا يَسُوعُ النَّبِيُّ الَّذِي مِنْ نَاصِرَةَ الْجَلِيلِ". المتربكون هم عادة الذين لا يعرفون حقيقة هوية الرب يسوع. فالجموع في اورشليم قالت أنه نبي. وكثيرون اليوم يؤمنون أنه مجرد نبي. ويوجد كثيرون اليوم، بمن فيهم الملحدون، يقولون أن يسوع كان معلماً مثالياً صالحاً، غير مدركين حقيقة شخصه بأنه الله القدوس البار. وحتى في كناستنا المسيحية، وبين المحتفلين بذكرى أحد الشعانين،

CELEBRATION OF PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS



Joyful acclamations at Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, followed by his humiliation. Festive cries followed by brutal torture. This twofold mystery accompanies our entrance into Holy Week each year, as reflected in the two characteristic moments of today's celebration: the initial procession with palm branches and the solemn reading of the Passion.

Let us enter into this movement, guided by the Holy Spirit, and thus obtain the grace we sought in our opening prayer: to follow in faith our Saviour's example of humility, to heed his lesson of patient suffering, and thus to merit a share in his victory over the spirit of evil.

Jesus shows us how to face moments of difficulty and the most insidious of temptations by preserving in our hearts a peace that is neither detachment nor superhuman impassivity, but confident abandonment to the Father and to his saving will, which bestows life and mercy. He shows us this kind of abandonment by spurning, at every point in his earthly ministry, the temptation to do things his way and not in complete obedience to the Father. From the experience of his forty days in the desert to the culmination of his Passion, Jesus rejects this temptation by his obedient trust in the Father.

Today, too, by his entrance into Jerusalem, he shows us the way. For in that event, the evil one, the prince of this world, had a card up his sleeve: the card of *triumphalism*. Yet the Lord responded by holding fast to his own way, *the way of humility*.

Triumphalism tries to make it to the goal by shortcuts and false compromises. It wants to jump onto the carriage of the winner. It lives off gestures and words that are not forged in the crucible of the cross; it grows by looking askance at others and constantly judging them inferior, wanting, failures... One subtle form of triumphalism is spiritual worldliness, which represents the greatest danger, the most treacherous temptation threatening the Church (De Lubac). Jesus destroyed triumphalism by his Passion.

The Lord truly rejoiced with the people, with those young people who shouted out his name and acclaimed him as King and Messiah. His heart was gladdened to see the enthusiasm and excitement of the poor of Israel. So much so, that, to those Pharisees who asked him to rebuke his disciples for their scandalous acclamations, he replied: "If these were silent, the very stones would cry out" (Lk 19:40). Humility does not mean denying reality: Jesus really is the Messiah, the King.

Yet *at the same time* the heart of Jesus was moving on another track, on the sacred path known to him and the Father alone: the path that leads from "the form of God" to "the form of a servant", the path of self-

abasement born of obedience "unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:6-8). He knows that true triumph involves *making room for God* and that the only way to do that is by *stripping oneself*, by *self-emptying*. To remain silent, to pray, to accept humiliation. There is no negotiating with the cross: one either embraces it or rejects it. By his self-abasement, Jesus wanted to open up to us *the path of faith* and to precede us on that path.

The first to follow him on that path was his mother, Mary, the first disciple. The Blessed Virgin and the saints had to suffer in walking the path of faith and obedience to God's will. Responding with faith to the harsh and painful events of life entails "a particular heaviness of heart The night of faith. Yet only from that night do we see the dawn of the resurrection break forth. At the foot of the cross, Mary thought once more of the words that the angel had spoken about her Son: "He will be great... The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Lk 1:32-33). On Golgotha, Mary faced the complete denial of that promise: her Son was dying on a cross like a criminal. In this way, triumphalism, destroyed by the abasement of Jesus, was likewise destroyed in the heart of his Mother. Both kept silent.

In the footsteps of Mary, countless holy men and women have followed Jesus on the path of humility and obedience. Today, World Youth Day, I would like to mention all those young saints, especially the saints "next door" to us, known only to God; sometimes he likes to surprise us with them. Dear young people, do not be ashamed to show your enthusiasm for Jesus, to shout out that *he is alive* and that he is your life. Yet at the same time, do not be afraid to follow him on the way of the cross. When you hear that he is asking you to renounce yourselves, to let yourselves be stripped of every security, and to entrust yourselves completely to our Father in heaven, then rejoice and exult! You are on the path of the kingdom of God.

Festive acclamations and brutal torture; the *silence of Jesus* throughout his Passion is profoundly impressive. He also overcomes the temptation to answer back, to act like a "superstar". In moments of darkness and great tribulation, we need to keep silent, to find the courage not to speak, as long as our silence is meek and not full of anger. The meekness of silence will make us appear even weaker, more humble. Then the devil will take courage and come out into the open. We need to resist him in silence, "holding our position", but with the same attitude as Jesus. He knows that the battle is between God and the prince of this world, and that what is important is not putting our hand

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Divine Liturgy

- Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:15 am

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PALM SUNDAY

- 9:00 am † Divine Liturgy on Sunday: The Entrance of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem
- 11:15 am † Divine Liturgy on Sunday: The Entrance of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

- أحد الشعانين**
- 9:00 يوم الأحد صباحاً † الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي-عيد دخول السيد المسيح الى اورشليم (أحد الشعانين)
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GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 pm † Blessing of the Oil of the Penitents and the Lord's Last Supper commemoration at Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with the Solemn Washing of the Feet

- الأربعاء المقدس**
- 6:30 مساءً † الإحتفال بالليتورجية الإلهية للقدس باسيليوس الكبير يليها رتبة تبريك الزيت و مسح المؤمنين بالزيت المقدس ثم خدمة غسل الأرجل



GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

- 8:00 am to 5:00 pm † Vigil at the Foot of the Cross
- 6:30 pm † Matins Service of the Crucifixion with the reading of the Passion Gospels

- خميس العهد**
- 8:00 صباحاً حتى 5:00 مساءً † صلاة سجود وتأمل عند أقدام الصليب
 - 6:30 مساءً † قراءة الأناجيل المقدسة مع خدمة الألام الخلاصية ورتبة الصليب



GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY – Passion of Our Lord

- 6:30 pm † Burial Service of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ- Matins of Holy Saturday-Procession of Triumph

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- 6:30 مساءً † صلاة السحر و رتبة جناز السيد المسيح تليها خدمة فيض النور ونثر الغار كعلامة إنتصار السيد المسيح على الموت



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- 7:00 pm † Resurrection Matins (Rush Service) and Divine Liturgy of Pascha followed by collation in the Culture Center

- سبت النور**
- 7:00 مساءً † رتبة الهجمة وخدمة القداس الإلهي إحتفالاً بعيد الفصح المجيد يليها تجمع إحتفالي في قاعة الكنيسة



EASTER SUNDAY — Resurrection of Our Lord

- 10:00 am † Resurrection Matins (Rush Service) followed by the Divine Liturgy of Pascha

- عيد الفصح المجيد**
- 10:00 صباحاً † رتبة الهجمة وخدمة القداس الإلهي إحتفالاً بعيد الفصح المجيد



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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 410



Active Families: 200



% of Active Families Participation: 55%

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-Mother Teresa

Current & Future Projects:



Church Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$321,000.



Rectory Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$18,850.



Church Window Repairs: Project completed, final cost \$9,000. Additional window was found to need repair, awaiting additional estimate.



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000. Boiler does need immediate replacing, awaiting timeframe. HVAC system is okay for now.



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), awaiting samples and timeframe.



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



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & HVAC Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning completed, final cost \$9,020



Exterior/Masonry/Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals. Maintenance to mosaic of The Blessed Mother completed, cost \$8,000.



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



Central Air Conditioning and HVAC improvements to Rectory: Project completed, final cost \$56,665.

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.



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