



October, 16<sup>th</sup> 2022

## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### Office hours

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

### Divine Liturgies

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

### Sunday Divine Liturgy

9:00 AM - 11:15 AM

**Pastoral Emergencies  
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(401)722-1345

### Holy Mysteries

### Reconciliation

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

### Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

### Marriage

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

## Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

أحد القديسين آباء المجمع المسكوني السابع

### Troparion of the resurrection (2nd tone)

When you descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the splendor of your Divinity, and when you raised the dead from under the ground, all the Powers of heaven cried out: O Christ our God, the giver of life, glory to you.

### Troparion of the Fathers (Tone 8)

O Christ our God, You are infinitely glorified, for You established our Fathers as radiant stars on earth. You led us to the true Faith through them. O most merciful One, glory to You!

### Troparion of St Basil

Your voice has sounded all over the earth, that accepted your preaching. You gave a divine explanation of doctrine, and made clear the nature of creatures, and set a rule of life for men. Holy Father, and Kingly Priest, intercede with Christ God to grant us great mercy.

### Kondakion:

O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

### نشيد القيامة باللحن الثاني

لما نزلت الى الموت، أيها الحياة الخالدة، أمت الجحيم بسنى لاهوتك. ولما أقمت الاموات من تحت الثرى، صرخت جميع قوات السماوين: أيها المسيح ألهنا، يا مُعطي الحياة، المجد لك.

### نشيد الآباء باللحن الثامن

انت ايها المسيح الهنا فائق المجد، لأنك اقمت آباءنا كواكب على الارض، وبهم هديتنا جميعاً الى الايمان الحقيقي. فيا جزيل التحنن المجد لك.

### طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

### نشيد الختام (القنداق)

يا نصيرة المسيحيين التي لا تُخزي، ووسيطتهم الدائمة لدى الخالق، لا تعرضي عن أصوات الخطاة الطالبين اليك. بل بما انك صالحة، بادري الى معونتنا، نحن الصارخين اليك بأيمان: هلمي الى الشفاعة، وأسري الى الابتهاال، يا والدة الاله المحامية دائماً عن مكرميك.





### Our church organizations:

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

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

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



### PROKIMENON (Tone 4)

Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, and your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

Stichon: For you are just in all you have done to us, and all your works are true and your ways right.

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus: 3: 8, 15

My son Titus, this saying is true, and in this matter, I want to insist that those who believe in God be careful to excel in good works: these are good and useful to people. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and quarrels, and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and futile.

Avoid a factious man after warning him once or twice, knowing that such a man is perverted and sins, since he is condemning himself.

When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, taking care that they lack nothing. And let our people also learn to excel in good works, in order to help cases of urgent need so that they may not be unfruitful. All my companions greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. The grace of God be with all of you. Amen.

ALLELUIA (Tone 7) Ps.43: 2; 33: 18

O God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

Stichon: The just cried out, and the Lord heard them, and he delivered them from all their trials.

Gospel of Sunday 4th of Cross, Luke 8: 5-15 (Parable of the Sower)

THE Lord told this parable: "The Sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air ate it up. And other seed fell upon the rock, and as soon as it had sprung up it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. And other seed fell upon good ground, and sprang up and yielded fruit a hundred-fold." As he said these things he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" But his disciples then began to ask him what this parable meant. He said to them, "To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, that 'Seeing, they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. And those by the wayside are they who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved. Now those upon the rock are they who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, but believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among the thorns, these are they who have heard, and as they go their way are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen. But that upon good ground, these are they who, with a right and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bear fruit in patience." When he had said this, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

### مقدمة الرسالة

مبارك أنت ايها الرب اله آبائنا، ومسيح وممجّد اسمك الى الدهور

لأنك عادل في كلّ ما فعلت بنا، وجميع اعمالك حقيقة، وطريقك مستقيمة

الرسالة (تيطس 3: 15-8)

يا ولدي تيطس، صادق القول، وأريد ان تُقرّر هذه الامور، حتى يكون الذين آمنوا بالله ذوي اهتمام في القيام بالأعمال الصالحة. فهذه هي الحسنة والنافعة للناس. أما المباحثات السخيفة والانساب، والخصومات والمماحكات على الناموس فأجنبها، فإنها غير ناعمة وباطلة. ورجل البدعة، بعد الانذار أولاً وثانياً، أعرض عنه، عالماً ان مثل هذا قد زاع، وهو في الخطيئة يقضي هو نفسه على نفسه. متى ارسلت اليك أرتماس أو تيخيس بادران يأتياني الى نيكوبولس. لأني عوّلت ان اشتوّ هناك. اما زيناس معلم الناموس وأبلّس، فجهّزهما باعثناء لثلا يُعوّزهما شيء. ليتعلّم ذوونا ايضاً ان يقوموا بالأعمال الصالحة للحاجات الضرورية، حتى لا يكونوا بدون ثمر. يُسلّم عليك جميع الذين معي. سلّم على الذين يُحبّوننا في الايمان. النعمة معكم اجمعين. آمين

هللوا

اللهم بأذاننا قد سمعنا، وأبأونا أخبرونا بالعمل الذي عملته في أيامهم، في الايام القديمة

الصدّيقون صرخوا والرب استمع لهم، ومن جميع مضايقتهم نجّاهم.

الاحد الرابع بعد الصليب

لوقا 8: 15-5

قال الرب هذا المثل: خرج الزارع ليزرع زرعاً. وفيما هو يزرع، سقط الزرع على الطريق، فوطئ وأكلته طيور السماء. وسقط البعض على الصخر، فلما نبت يس لأنه لم تكن له رطوبة. وسقط البعض بين الشوك، فنبت الشوك معه فخنقه. وسقط البعض في الارض الجيدة، فلما نبت أثمر مئة ضعف. فسأله تلاميذه قائلين: ما عسى أن يكون هذا المثل؟ فقال: أنتم قد أعطيتكم معرفة أسرار ملكوت الله، وأما الباقون فبأمثال، لكيلا ينظروا وهم ناظرون، ولا يفهموا وهم سامعون. وهذا هو المثل: الزرع هو كلمة الله. والذين على الطريق هم الذين يسمعون، ثم يأتي ابليس وينزع الكلمة من قلوبهم لئلا يؤمنوا فيخلصوا. والذين على الصخر هم الذين يسمعون الكلمة ويقبلونها بفرح، فهؤلاء ليس لهم أصل، فيؤمنون الى حين، وفي وقت التجربة يرتدون. والذي سقط في الشوك، هم الذين يسمعون، ثم يذهبون فيختنقون بهموم الحياة وغناها وملذاتها، فلا يأتون بثمر، وأما الذي سقط في الارض الجيدة، فهم الذين يسمعون الكلمة فيحفظونها في قلب جيد وصالح، ويثمرون بالصبر. ولما قال هذا صرخ: من له أذان للسمع فليسمع.





## 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, OCTOBER 16, 2022: FATHERS OF THE SECOND COUNCIL OF NICAEA. MARTYR LONGINUS THE CENTURION.**

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

- + **JOSEPH AZAR (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by his wife Alice Azar & children.
- + **CATHERINE KANDO** by Christine & Brian Gilmore & Family.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Pierre & Linda Saba.
- + **ALBERT P. YANY** by M/M Anthony G. Mardo.

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

- + **LILLIAN NASSANEY (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)** by her husband & children.
- + **FARIZA CONINGFORD** by Najat Khoury.
- + **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ)** by Jeffrey & Jessica Boudjouk & Family.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by Patrick, Mary, Brooke & J.P. Saggal.



## مستحق! !Worthy! Axios!



### AXIOS! WORTHY! MUSTAHIQ!

**BISHOP FRANCOIS BEYROUTI NAMED 6<sup>th</sup> EPARCHIAL BISHOP OF NEWTON:** His Episcopal Ordination took place last Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 2:00 p.m., at St. Anne Melkite Catholic Co-Cathedral (North Hollywood, CA). The Pontifical Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Patriarch Joseph Absi with co-consecrators (Bishop Nicholas Samra (Bishop of Newton for the Melkite Greek Catholic Church in the USA) and Archbishop Borys Gudziak (Archbishop Metropolitan for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia).

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God has chosen you as a true witness to Christ., the Good Shepherd. May He endow you with wisdom and ever deepening holiness as you guide the flock entrusted to your loving care. Congratulations and best wishes as you begin your service to the holy people of God. We know that you, with your skills in community building and collaboration, you will have much to offer to the Church and society as a whole.



O Jesus, Who has said,  
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receive, seek and you  
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**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** October 9, 2022: Budgets: \$1,850.00: Envelopes: \$1,780.00, Loose: \$70.00; Candles: \$113.00; Stole Offerings: \$75.00; Building Fund: \$45.00; Add'tl Religious Education: \$55.00.

**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](mailto:office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com) and leave him your message. **PLEASE! NO GRATUITIES!** A cup of coffee or tea is just fine. He looks forward to in-person contact.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Presently effective, the schedule of offerings in the parishes is now: Liturgies: \$25.00; Funerals: \$300.00. Weddings: \$300.00; Baptisms: \$100.00. Thus far, all Liturgy Offerings received from Funerals, which exceeded more than one year or even more, have had the maximum and minimum celebrations. Surplus ones have been deposited in the Building Fund, and placed on the altar and remembered collectively, similar to the customs of Spiritual Bouquets, Perpetual Mass Enrollments & Memorial Cards, as in Chapels, Shrines, & Monasteries. May the memories of our beloved deceased rest in peace & be eternal. Many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these canonical guidelines and restrictions.

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As a side note, the weekend of October 15,16, His Beatitude, Bishop Samra, and Bishop Beyrouti will be in Warren, MI for the 100<sup>th</sup> (102 thanks to COVID) Anniversary of Our Lady of Redemption Parish.

**IN GOOD STANDING:** For your Pastor to sign letters of recommendation, family and student school related papers, character reference or any civil document for a registered parishioner, one must be in good standing with the church, spiritually *and* giving noticeable TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE on a regular and continuing basis to our parish. Did we ever consider that some of us might not be in good standing and may need to change that?

**CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES ARE IN PROGRESS:** All youth of our Parish, whether they attend Catholic/Christian schools or not, should register and attend our Church School on a weekly basis. Parents will be doing a great disservice to their children and to the Melkite Church if they do not cooperate with us in trying to teach the beliefs, traditions and spirituality of our Eastern Church to their children. We should be asking ourselves if this is part of the reason that we may lose our youth later on.





**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Are you formally registered with this Parish Church? How about your relatives and friends? Although this may not be the custom in some of the countries of our origin, it is the accepted procedure here. We cannot be of service to you if we do not know you as a member of our Parish Family. Some benefits that flow from this are receiving the parish mailings highlighting the ongoing activities and life of the Church, having the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and also Funerals celebrated for your family here in our church, receiving Letters of Recommendation, Introduction, Freedom to Marry Certificates, having the privilege and duty to support the church, etc. Merely attending here on any level does not really constitute being a member. Membership too has its ongoing responsibilities. Please contact any member of the clergy, to formally register.

**ANOIDTING OF THE SICK:** Traditionally, referred to as Extreme Unction or Last Rites, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was previously most commonly administered to the dying, for the remission of sins, and the provision of spiritual strength and health in modern times, however, its use has been expanded to all who are gravely ill or about to undergo a serious operation.

The Church stresses a secondary effect of the sacrament: to help a person recover his health. Like Confession and Holy Communion, to which it is closely linked, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be repeated as often as it is necessary.

It is the Pastor's desire to provide the Sacraments or pastoral visits to our parishioners. Because the Federal Privacy Act HIPPA will not allow to respond if requests are made by friends or some other non-family member, it is important that the patient or a family member let the Pastor or one of the Deacons know when they are needed. When you or a family member are hospitalized or are homebound and are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please phone the church number at 401-722-1345 to arrange for a visit. It is also recommended that the family to inform the hospital or nursing home upon admission that the patient desires a visit from the Church.

If you anticipate a hospital stay or have a serious health problem, please ask Father Ephrem for the Sacrament following Divine Liturgy or contact the office as soon as possible. Although it is sometimes impossible to anticipate the need, waiting until the last minute could result in no priest being available or no time for the priest to arrive. Remember only a priest may provide this Sacrament as it includes remission of sin as well as healing.

The Sacrament of the Sick is a Sacrament of healing and should occur early in an illness when possible so that the patient will be able to participate in it.

**TIME, TALENT, & 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 2022 & 2023 the years that we give more of ourselves in the strengthening of the chain St. Basil the Great Community. Hopefully, many more will step up in their real understanding of parish membership.

**REMINDER:** "FOOD FAIR" this Saturday, October 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Join your family, friends, and fellow parishioners for a delicious meal and dessert. Come and stock up on frozen sfeeheh, kibbeh, Syrian braided cheese, and grape-leaves. A variety of homemade Arabic pastries, candies, and breads to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth is also available. Begin your holiday shopping with us as you stroll around the Food Fair tables and see the beautiful holiday wreaths for sale. If you feel lucky, come and take chances on our exciting raffles and penny social. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see you there. *"CALL ONE NOW, October 12, 2022".*

**REFLECTION:** "Count your age by friends, not years; Count your life by smiles, not tears." - John Lennon.

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# Following Jesus Kids bulletin



## The Parable of The Sower and the Seed

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As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.” -Matthew 13:23 ESV

# Which soil are you like?



Jesus tells the story of seeds sown on four different types of dirt, leading to four different outcomes (three of which seem undesirable, to say the least). In each case, the ultimate outcome can be traced back to the condition of the soil onto which the seed fell. At Laity Lodge, and throughout the Texas Hill Country, the soil leaves something to be desired. At most it's a couple of inches deep. Around the Lodge there are even places where there is no soil to speak of at all.

Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at everyone: the people who listen, and even those who don't.

The idea is that there are different ways of hearing God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit:

- There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable, and blind to the things of God.
- Then there is the shallow hearer who fails to think things through; such a person lacks spiritual depth. They may respond at first with emotional fervor, but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else.
- Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is always too busy to pray or too preoccupied to meditate on God's word. They may work so hard that they are too tired to even think of anything else but work.
- Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand.

## What type of soil do you have?

Or, what kind of heart do you have? Are gospel seeds able to take root? And if so, are they able to endure? When the sun scorches (and it certainly does around here), do they survive? And having survived, is grain produced? Lent is the season for questions such as these. And if our soil and our hearts are rocky or weedy or compacted with birds overhead, we are not to despair.

In John we read that Mary, upon arriving at the empty tomb, mistakes the risen Jesus for "the gardener." Maybe it was no accident. Norman Wirzba, a recent Laity Lodge retreat speaker, has suggested that Jesus is "the gardener who came to clean up his garden and lead it into abundant and fruitful life." And a good gardener such as this knows to start with the soil.

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:** What kind of soil do you find where you live? Using the types from the parable, how would you describe the soil of your heart?

**PRAYER:** May we be a people that listen and hold fast to God's word, patiently enduring and persevering, and producing much fruit by the grace of God in our lives. God, give us ears to hear. And nurture our hearts' soil, that we might produce grain for you. Amen.



# أيها الإنسان أي قلب أنت ؟



ايضا هناك قلوب مسيحية قلبها سطحي مثل الارض محجرة. ان هذه القلوب تشبه ارض التي ينتشر على وجهها تراب رقيق يخفي تحته الصخر القاسي فلا يوجد عمق لاجل زراعته .

فسرعان ما يموت الزرع ،اذ لا يوجد فيها مكان يتأصل فيه اي يشرش فلا يأتي ثمر من هذا النوع من الارض . هكذا الانسان ذو قلب سطحي وبدون حياة ونمو روحي، فسرعان يموت بدون ان يقوم باعمال صالحة تفيد الحياة الابدية.

اما النوع الثالث هو القلب المختنق بهموم وملذات الحياة الدنيا ، ان صاحب هذا القلب كان في ايام صباه مسيحيا تقيا ولكن اغراءات العالم الفاسد انهالت عليه فلم

يعد يقاومها بل انغمس فيها ، واصبحت اشواكا حادة خنقت كلام الله الذي زرع فيه ، ففقد حياته دون ان يحمل معه عند الموت اعمالا صالحة.

اما النوع الاخير الذي تحدث عنه يسوع هو القلوب الطيبة، التي قبلت كلام الله. هذا هو القلب المسيحي الحقيقي الصادق الذي احب الله حبا صافيا ، وبقي ثابتا على حبه وایمانه وتقواه على الرغم من التجارب والاغراءات .

كانت حياته مليئة بالفضائل طاعة لله وحبا لآخوته البشر المحتاجين، فتلك القلوب الطيبة هي مثل كالحبة التي وقعت في الارض واثمرت.

ان هذه القلوب المحبة هي افضل القلوب واقر بها الله ، اذ اصحابها قد اعطوا المجال لنمو كلام الله فيهم وخضوا كاملا لارادته

اخيرا يا احبابي يطرح انجيل اليوم او المثل علينا سؤال من أي نوع قلبنا ؟ أهو قلب طائش ام سطحي ام متلذذ بالحطام الدنيا ام قلب طيب

ارجو ان يكون قلبكم طيب وانتم هكذا . هذا يعني انكم صالحين لان ينبت فيكم الكلمة التي يزرعها ويلقيها الرب في العالم من خلاكم من خلال قلوبكم الطيبة.

اي انتم مثمرون، اعطيتم قلبكم لله فصرتم الارض الطيبة لله التي ذكرها المسيح في المثل.

فطوبى لكم لان كل الذين قبلوه فاعطاهم سلطان ان يصيروا اولاد لله اي المؤمنين باسمه .

ايها الاحباء: من أهم الامور التي تخص الانسان المسيحي الحقيقي والتي تساعد على الخلاص ويجب ان يلتزم بها وينفذها هي ان يسمع الكلمة الالهية . والتي يطالبنا بها المسيح اليوم من خلال الكتاب المقدس.

اذ يقول بولس الالهي: صادقة هي الكلمة ومستحقة كل القبول . اذا السماع لكلمة الرب يسوع ضرورية ، ولكن لا تكفي للخلاص لوحدها ، وانما الحاجة الضرورية لان يترجم اهذا السماع الى فعل اي عمل يأتي بثمر كثير

انجيل اليوم يعرض لنا نماذج عدة او انواع مختلفة من البشر الذين سمعوا الكلمة الالهية ويظهر ايضا تفاوت التزامهم بها . وترك لنا الخيار بان نحدد نحن الخيار من اي صنف اومن اي نوع نكون .

اي انجيل اليوم يقول لنا بان هناك الكثير من المسيحيين سمعوا الانجيل اي بشروا بالكلمة الالهية اي ببسوع المسيح لم يطبقوا ما سمعوا وأمنوا به. اذ يعرض المسيح من خلال هذا المثل نماذج من الايمان المختلف عند المسيحيين.

اذ يختم المسيح المثل الذي سمعناه الان بالقول من له أذنان للسمع فليسمع .

وكأنه يريد ان يخاطب كل واحد منا سائلا اياه ما نوعية ارضك اي قلبك ، اي ايمانك ؟ ما هي درجة قبولك للايمان بالكلمة الالهية والتزام بها. ؟ اين تزرع هذه الكلمة فيك.

لذا الفكرة الاساسية في هذا المثل هي: ان يسوع يزرع كلام الله في قلب، كما يزرع الفلاح الحب في قلب الارض . وكما ان انواع عديدة مختلفة من الارض ،

فكذلك قلب الانسان ، فهناك القلب الطائش ، القلب السطحي، القلب المختنق بهموم الحياة والقلب الطيب.

انتم من أي قلب ؟ من أي نوع ؟ المسيح جاء الينا لاجلنا وزرع فينا الزرع الالهي اي كلام الله الذي هو مكتوب في الكتاب المقدس ونحن امان بهذا الكتاب . ولكن هل هذا الزرع دخل قلبنا ودخل الارض الطيبة واعطت ثمارا ام لا.؟

لذلك هناك مسيحيون قلوبهم طائشة سمعوا من يسوع في الانجيل كلام الله ولكن لم يفكروا به ولا تأملوا في معانيه ولا اهتموا لآخرتهم الابدية وليس عندهم حياة روحية .

ام مثل هذا القلب الطائش يسمح للشيطان ان ينزع منه الايمان والاخلاق فتتقلب حياته وتصبح فارغة وملوثة بالخطايا . فمثل هذا القلب فلا يحمل معه الى الابدية اي عمل صالح يشفع فيه يوم الدينونة.





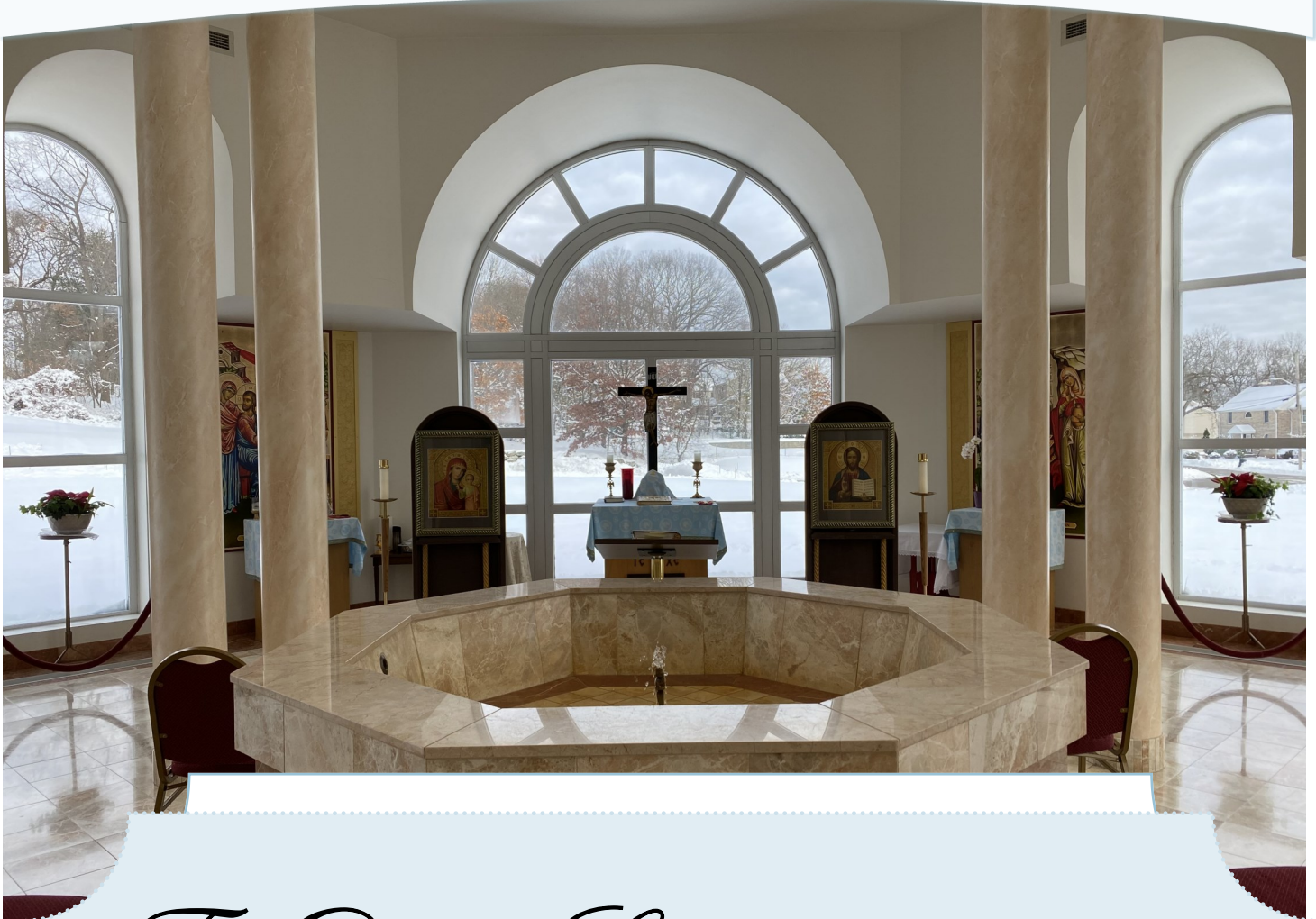
# LITURGICAL CALENDAR



OCTOBER	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>30</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الخامس بعد الصليب Galatians 2:16-20 Luke 16:19-31	<b>31</b> St Stachys and his companions Colossians 2:13-20 Luke 11:29-33					<b>1</b> St Romanos the Melodist Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
تشرين الأول - أكتوبر 2022	<b>2</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثاني بعد عيد الصليب 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 Luke 6:31-36	<b>3</b> St Thérèse of the Child Jesus Ephesians 4:25-32 Luke 6:24-30	<b>4</b> St Hierotheos of Athens Ephesians 5:20-25 Luke 6:37-45	<b>5</b> St Charitina Ephesians 5:25-33 Luke 6:46-7:1	<b>6</b> St Thomas the Apostle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 20:19-31	<b>7</b> Sts Sergios and Bacchos Ephesians 6:18-24 Luke 7:31-35	<b>8</b> St Pelagia 1 Corinthians 15:39-45 Luke 5:27-32
SEPTEMBER 2022 S M T W T F S 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	<b>9</b> St James the Apostle 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثالث بعد الصليب 2 Corinthians 4:9-15 Luke 7:11-16	<b>10</b> Sts Eulampios and Eulampia Philippians 1:1-7 Luke 7:36-50	<b>11</b> St Theophane of Nicaea Philippians 1:8-14 Luke 8:1-3	<b>12</b> Sts Probus, Tarachos and Andronicos Philippians 1:12-19 Luke 8:22-25	<b>13</b> Sts Carpos, Pappylas, Agathonicos Philippians 1:20-27 Luke 9:7-11	<b>14</b> St Cosmas of Maiuma Philippians 1:27-24 Luke 9:12-18	<b>15</b> St Lucian of Antioch 1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3 Luke 6:1-10
NOVEMBER 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	<b>16</b> Second Council of Nicaea أحد أباء مجمع نيقية الثاني Titus 3:8-15 Luke 8:5-15	<b>17</b> St Andrew of Crete Philippians 2:12-16 Luke 9:18-22	<b>18</b> St Luke the Apostle Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18 Luke 10:16-21	<b>19</b> Holy Prophet Joel Philippians 2:24-30 Luke 9:44-50	<b>20</b> St Artemios Philippians 3:1-8 Luke 9:49-56	<b>21</b> St Hilarion Philippians 3:8-19 Luke 10:1-15	<b>22</b> Seven martyrs at Ephesus 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 Luke 7:1-10
	<b>23</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد السادس بعد عيد الصليب Galatians 1:11-19 Luke 8:27-39	<b>24</b> St Arethas and his companions Philippians 4:10-23 Luke 10:22-24	<b>25</b> Sts Marcian and Martyrios Colossians 1:1-11 Luke 11:1-10	<b>26</b> St Demetrios 2 Timothy 2:1-10 John 15:17-16:2	<b>27</b> St Nestor Colossians 1:24-2:1 Luke 11:14-23	<b>28</b> Sts Terence and Neonila Colossians 2:1-7 Luke 11:23-26	<b>29</b> St Anastasia 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 Luke 8:16-21



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*The Divine Liturgy is celebrated*

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As of 7/21/2022



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### Campaign Facts:



**Campaign Goal:** \$1,000,000



**Outstanding Goal:** \$381,000



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

### Parish Community Facts:



**Total Registered Families:** 415



**Active Families:** 250



**% of Active Families Participation:** 45%

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-Mother Teresa

### Current & Future Projects:



**Roof Repair:** Contract Signed - March 2022, estimated cost \$400,000, project started June 2022, awaiting completion



**Mold Remediation:** Proposals received, no remediation necessary, estimated cost \$0



**Window Repairs:** Proposals received, estimated cost \$9,000



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



**Flooring Upgrades:** Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (Carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway)



**Parking Lot & Walkway Repairs:** Proposals received, asphalt estimated cost \$14,000, awaiting walkway quotes



**Interior Repairs:** Partial proposals received, estimated cost \$6,000



**Walk In Cooler & Kitchen Repairs:** Reviewing needs and potential options



**Exterior/Masonry Repairs:** Reviewing needs



**Door Upgrades:** Awaiting proposals

### 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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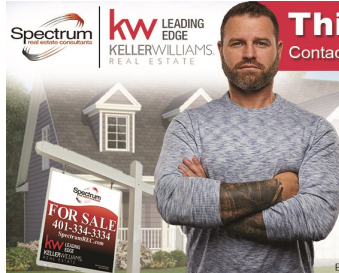
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