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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Divine Liturgies

Sunday Divine Liturgy
9:00 AM - 11:15 AM

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Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will
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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



15th Sunday After the Holy Cross

الاحد الخامس عشر بعد الصليب

Troparion of the Resurrection (8th tone)

You descended from on high O compassionate One; and consented to burial for three days that You might free us from suffering. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory to You.!

نشيد القيامة باللحن الثامن
إنحدرت من العلاء أيها التحنن، وقبلت الدفن ثلاثة
أيام، لكي تعتنقنا من الآلام، فيا حياتنا وقيامتنا، يا رب
المجد لك.

Troparion of St Basil The Great

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

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

Kondakion of the Presentation of our Lord (Feb. 2nd) (1st Tone)

O Christ our God who through your birth have sanctified the virginal womb and have blessed the arms of Simon, You have come today to save us. When wars prevail, keep your people in peace and strengthen our Public Authorities in every good deed, for You alone are the lover of Mankind.

قنداق دخول ربنا يسوع المسيح الى الهيكل - اللحن الاول

أيها المسيح الإله، يا من بمولده قدس المستودع
البتولي، وبارك يدي سمعان كما يليق. لقد بادرت
الآن أيضاً وخلصتنا. فأحفظ رعيتك بسلام في
الحروب. وأيد الملوك الذين أحببتهم أيها المحب
البشر وحدك.





Our church organizations:

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

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

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



EPISTLE: FIRST TIMOTHY 4:9-15 (32nd Sunday After Pentecost) PROKIMENON (Tone 7)

The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace
Stichon: Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy:

My son Timothy, this saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: for we work and are reviled for this reason, that we hope in the living God who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. Command and teach these things. Let no man despise the fact that you are young, but be an example to the faithful by what you say and do, by love, faith, spirituality and chastity. Until I come, be diligent in reading, exhorting and teaching. Do not neglect the grace that is in you, granted to you as a speaker for God through the laying on of the hands of the priesthood. Meditate on these things, give yourself entirely to them, so that your progress may be evident to all.

Alleluia (Tone 7)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High!

Stichon: To proclaim Your kindness at dawn and Your faithfulness throughout the night.

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Gospel of the 15th Sunday of Holy Cross

At that time as Jesus was passing through Jericho, behold there was a man named Zacchaeus; and he was a leading publican, and he was rich. And he was trying to see Jesus, to find out who he was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay in your house today." And he made haste and came down, and welcomed him joyfully. And upon seeing it, all began to murmur, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, I give one-half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he, too, is the son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

الاحد الثاني والثلاثون بعد العنصرة مقدمة الرسالة

الرَّبُّ يُوْتِي شَعْبَهُ قُوَّةً، الرَّبُّ يَبَارِكُ شَعْبَهُ بِالسَّلَامِ
قَدِمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ، قَدِمُوا لِلرَّبِّ أَبْنَاءَ الْكَبَاشِ

الرسالة (1 تيموثاوس 4: 9 – 15)

يا ولدي تيموثاوس، صادق القول وجدِّ بِكُلِّ قَبُولٍ. فَإِنَّا لِهَذَا نَتَعَبُ وَنُعْزِرُ، لِأَنَّا رَجَوْنَا اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ، الَّذِي هُوَ مُخْلِصُ جَمِيعِ النَّاسِ، وَلَا سِوَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ. أَوْصِ بِهَذَا وَعَلِّمْ بِهِ. لَا تَسْتَهْنِ أَحَدَ بِقُوَّتِكَ، بَلْ كُنْ مِثَالًا لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي الْكَلَامِ، فِي التَّصَرُّفِ، فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ، فِي الرُّوحِ، فِي الْإِيمَانِ، فِي الْعَفَافِ. إِلَى حِينٍ مَجِيئِي، وَاطْبِ عَلَى الْمَطَالَعَةِ، وَالْوَعْظِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ. لَا تُهْمَلِ الْمَوْهَبَةَ الَّتِي فِيكَ، الَّتِي أُوتِيَهَا بِنُبُوَّةٍ، فِي وَضْعِ أَيْدِي الْكَهَنَةِ. تَأَمَّلْ فِي هَذِهِ وَاسْتَمِرَّ عَلَيْهَا، لِيَكُونَ تَقَدُّمُكَ ظَاهِرًا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ.
هَلْلُويا

صالح الاعتراف للرب، والاشادة أيها العلي
ليخبر برحمتك بالعادة، وفي الليل بحقك

الانجيل الاحد الخامس عشر- بعد الصليب (لوقا 19: 1-10)

في ذلك الزمان، كان يسوع يجتاز بأريحا، وإذا برجل اسمه زكا، كان رئيساً على العشارين وكان غنياً. وكان يطلب أن يرى من هو يسوع، ولم يستطع بسبب الجمع لأنه كان قصير القامة. فتقدم مسرعاً وصعد إلى جُمَيْرَةٍ لِيَنْظُرَهُ، لأنه كان مُزْمَعاً أَنْ يَجْتَازَ بِهَا. فلما انتهى يسوع إلى الموضوع، رفع ظرفه فرآه. فقال له: يا زكا أسرع أنزل. فالتوى ينزلي لي أن أقيم في بيتك. فأسرع ونزل وقبلة فرحاً. فلما رأى الجميع ذلك تدمروا قائلين: انه دخل ليحلَّ عند رجل خاطئ. فوقف زكا وقال ليسوع: يا سيدي، هأنذا أعطي المساكين نصف أموالي، وإن كنت قد غبنْتُ أهداء في شيء، أُرُدُّ أربعة أضعاف. فقال له يسوع: اليوم قد حصل الخلاص لهذا البيت، لأنه هو أيضاً ابن إبراهيم، فإن ابن البشر قد أتى ليطلب ويخلص ما قد هلك.



Lord Jesus, you called Zacchaeus by his name and enabled him to grow. I ask you to enter my life in a new way this day that I may grow in stature and wisdom and grace as the person you call me to be.



Prayer for the dead

O God of all spirits and of all flesh, who have destroyed death, overcome the devil, and given life to the world: grant, O Lord to the souls of your servants, who have departed from this life, that they may rest in a place of light, in a place of happiness, in a place of peace, where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing. And since You are gracious God and Lover of mankind, forgive them every sin they have committed by thought, or word, or deed, for there is not a man who lives and does not sin: You alone are without sin, your righteousness is everlasting, and your word is true.

For You are the Resurrection and the Life, and the Repose of your departed servants, O Christ our God, and we render glory to You, together with your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS. APOSTLE TIMOTHY; MARTYR ANASTASIOS THE PERSIAN.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + ROSE (AISSIS) AUDETTE (1st Anniv.) by the Family.
- + MANUEL VINCENT (5th Anniv.) by his wife & Family.
- + CHARLES, EVA, & DIANE ROBAT by the Family.
- + HON. DEEB & MARY SARKAS by the Family.
- + RICHARD LONGTIN by Glen Simmons.

11:15 DIVINE LITURGY:

- + VIOLETTE (HAGGAR) SAGGAL (Australia) by Joe & Yolanda Saggal.
- + MARGARET SABBAGH (Birthday Remem.) by the Family.
- + DIAB YOUNES by Bassil Youakim & Family.
- + VICTOR YOUNES by Bassil Youakim & Family.
- + EFRAIN MARTINEZ by George & Jeanne Harraka.
- + MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ) by Nelly Kishfy)
- + GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL by Marco, Pamela, Sienna & Scarlett Pacheco.
- + JEANNETTE AYOUB DAIKH (Aleppo, Syria) by Dr. Jason B. Boudjouk & Ms. Jiana Daikh.
- + JULIA, FRED, & ELIAS J. KISHFY by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.
- + HAIAT NEMEH BATAL (11th Anniv.) by Souhair Batal & Family.
- + LAILA NEMEH (19th Anniv.) by Souhair Batal & Family.
- + MONSOUR KARRAZ (Birthday Remem.) by Paul & Chirin Ashkar.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: January 15, 2023: Budgets: \$2,707.00: Envelopes: \$2,585.00, Loose: \$122.00; Candles: \$73.00; Building Fund: \$230.00; Addit'l Christmas Offerings: \$100.00; Stole Offerings: \$55.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$45.00.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th, there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT.** Please help subsidize our monthly payment for the operation of our Diocese. Kindly give generously so that they will meet their expenses and ongoing ministries.

PLEASE NOTE: Before making any **ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS**, please contact the Church in advance. We would rather not have you disappointed if you've already made commitments without checking our schedule first.

GENERAL HOME VISITATIONS, SICK CALLS, HOSPITAL VISITS: Father Ephrem has been fully vaccinated and is now available for these parish services. Just email him at office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com and leave him your message. **PLEASE! NO GRATUITIES!** A cup of coffee or tea is just fine. He looks forward to in-person contact.

2023 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS are available – free for the taking – at both entrances of the church. By following the liturgical cycle of the church year and remembering the Saints each day is an excellent way to attach yourself more closely to the worshipping community that is the church.

ENVELOPE USERS: It would be helpful to us if you could please check off the amount on the outside of the budget envelope. This will allow for more efficiency and accuracy in the recording of your budgets. Thank you kindly! Also, it has been observed that some people have forgotten to fill their budget envelopes with their offering (some sealed, others unsealed), and it is awkward to put us in this kind of position. We humbly ask you to be more careful in this regard.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: It's not too late to **give an end-of-year tax deductible gift** to thank God for all the blessings you and your family have received in 2022. December 31st, 2022, the annual Bishop's Appeal officially ended in all parishes. However, gifts to the Bishop's Appeal will continue to be received and credited to our parish until 31 January 2023, for all who make end-of-year donations. Your gift means so much to so many! Our Father and Shepherd, Bishop Francois, thanks you for your generous support and asks God's abundant blessings upon you and all your family as we ushered in this New Year of grace!

IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE: Please continue to remember in your prayers all the needs of the parish family, the sick and suffering, those who have asked for our prayers, the priests and bishops of the Catholic Church, those people who have been denied their basic human rights and dignity, the oppressed, the lonely, the homeless and those who suffer, and those who have no peace of mind or heart.

CLEANLINESS & HEALTH: Please pick up after yourselves and the children during and following Coffee Hour; insects and rodents are attracted by what we leave throughout and around the interior and exterior of the building; it takes but a few moments to clean up well. Cultural Center, kitchen, and bar should always be free of open food items. Everyone: please take note. Hall dining tables, coffee serving areas, stainless steel tables, counters, sinks, stove, etc. should be soap washed after every use and before leaving the building. The custodian does not always come in on our desired schedule. Thank you!

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
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shall find, knock and it
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the intercession of the
Theotokos, Your Most
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O Jesus, Who has said,
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shall not pass away,"
through the intercession
of the Theotokos Your
Most Holy Mother, I feel
confident that my prayer
will be granted.





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Medical Equipment for home use only to those in need and the willingness to return when no longer needed. Wheelchairs, electric beds, hoist lifts, crutches, shower chairs, etc.

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CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE PRAYER: *O Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, on the eve of your redemptive suffering, You fervently asked your heavenly Father that all your followers be one, as You are One with the Father and the Holy Spirit. We implore You, Divine Master, to bestow upon all Christian Churches the unity of faith, of hearts and of purpose, so that they become one flock under the leadership of One Shepherd according to your wish. Grant us, Lord, to love one another as You loved us. So that, seeing our unity, the world may believe in You and embrace your message of peace and love. For You are the Prince of Peace and Lover of Mankind and to You we render glory and to your Eternal Father, and your All-holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen!*

RHODE ISLAND CATHOLIC'S ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE is underway. Your diocesan newspaper depends on its faithful readers to continue its 146-year mission of bringing the good news of the church directly to you. If you are interested in starting a new subscription or continuing to receive Rhode Island Catholic in your mailbox each week, please either drop the specially marked parish budget envelope into the collection basket at Liturgy, call Circulation Manager Sue Richard at 401-272- 1010 ext. 0, or visit the newspaper's web-site, www.thericatholic.com, and click on Subscribe to order and pay for a subscription. The cost for a year of in-home delivery of the newspaper is only \$30.

Online payments, checks or money orders (made payable to Rhode Island Catholic) is preferred.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: All the faithful who have recently changed their address or who are planning to do so, remember to inform the church office at (401) 722-1345. Please also be sure to update new telephone numbers because there is a cost that the Church has to absorb which adds up slowly but surely.

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

REFLECTION: "Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to reform (or pause and reflect)."

Mark Twain

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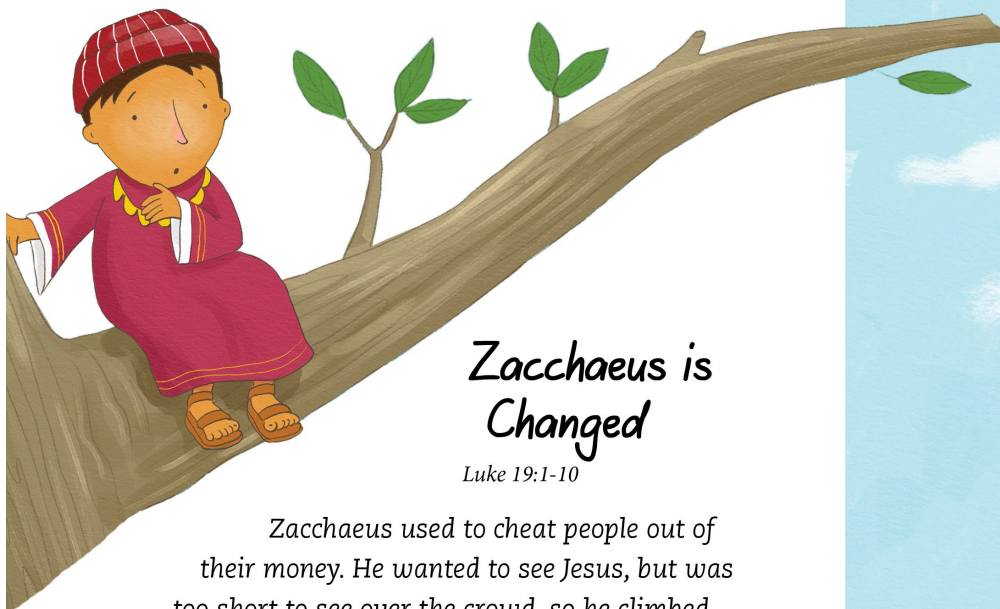


Following Jesus Kids bulletin



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JERICO
ZACCHAEUS
SENIOR
WEALTHY
SHORT
SYCAMORE
TREE
HOUSE
GROUND
PROPERTY
POOR
SALVATION



Zacchaeus is Changed

Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus used to cheat people out of their money. He wanted to see Jesus, but was too short to see over the crowd, so he climbed a tree to see better. Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down! I'm going to your house today." Zacchaeus was so happy that Jesus wanted to be his friend! That day, Zacchaeus decided to pay back everyone he had ever cheated.



Jesus calls him by name!



Lord your grace is beyond my words. You continue to rescue sinners like me and to forgive sins like mine. Help me Lord to stay on the highway of humility, and free from all forms of self-righteousness that would blind me to grace. Amen.

1. **Climbing Trees:** What a sight it must have been — that rotund, little figure scampering up the tree. The astonished onlookers must have guffawed and whistled at the chief tax collector tossing his dignity to the winds as he huffed and puffed, getting up that sycamore. Zacchaeus was nothing if not persistent. He was used to overcoming obstacles as he fleeced the taxpayers of Jericho. But now his worldly skills were directed in a far different way: He wanted to see Jesus! If only we showed half as much persistence in pursuing our spiritual goals as we do our secular ones. When we want something, we can push, pull, and tug to make sure that we get over, around, or under the obstacle that impedes our desires. But when it's a question of our prayer life, something as simple as a change in schedule can seem insurmountable. Let's yearn to see Christ! If we honestly long for his love, we will even climb trees to get it!
2. **Called by Name:** When the people looked at Zacchaeus in the tree, they saw a hated enemy, to be laughed at with scorn. When Jesus looked at Zacchaeus in the tree, he saw a soul with potential, to be called with love. Jesus' ability to read hearts enabled him to see the whole picture of Zacchaeus. Yes, money had been his driving motivation, but there was an openness in his heart that would be good soil for the seed. Jesus invited himself over for dinner; Zacchaeus would have never imagined doing it himself. The Lord was not embarrassed by Zacchaeus, and like the privileged souls of his closest disciples, he called him by name. He wants to call us, too!
- 3.3. **Christ's Credibility:** The people began to grumble about Jesus — how could he spend time with such a sinner? His credibility is put to the test. Zacchaeus' response is proof to others that the way of righteousness proclaimed by Jesus is true and real. Jesus cured lepers, made the cripple walk, and even raised the dead, but the dramatic conversions of great sinners must have been the most astounding of his miracles. It was harder NOT to believe Jesus in the face of such evidence. As Catholics, we have to be proof, too, of the credibility of Christ working through the Church. When our lives shine with charity and self-denial, we are living proof that the graces received through the Eucharist (and all the other sacraments and blessings we have as Catholics) are real.

Conversation with Christ: Lord, what joy you received through Zacchaeus' conversion. He responded wholeheartedly to your grace. At times, I can drag my feet even when I feel you calling me to another step forward in my spiritual life. Help me to be generous, so that other souls will see how wonderful it is to follow you!

من الذي وجد الآخر زكا أم المسيح



الشيطان يا من طحنت المساكين وشردت اليتامى والأرامل في الشوارع كيف تنجو من دينونة جهنم! إن المسيح يعرف متى يدين ومتى يبدو قاسياً ومتى يخلص!! لكنه لم يفعل هنا هذا!!

إنه يجد أمامه رجلاً فيه الأمل في المجيء إلى الله، ولو قسا عليه لفقده إلى الأبد!!

ما أجمل الطريقة التي استعملها يسوع المسيح في التفرق بزكا وبقيادته إلى الخلاص!!

أجل! فهذا حق لقد رأى المسيح في زكا ما لم يره في نفسه، لقد رأى فيه المسيح «ابن إبراهيم» والمسيح لا يقصد ابن إبراهيم بالجسد، بل ابنه بالروح والحياة والسلوك الحسن، لقد رأى الماسة اللامعة في قلب الفحم الأسود

ومع أنه ليس من عادة المسيح أن يدعو نفسه إلى بيت إنسان قبل أن يدعوه هذا الإنسان ويلج في دعوته، لكن المسيح دعا نفسه إلى بيت زكا

إذ أن الذي عرف نثنائيل تحت التينة، عرف زكا فوق الجميزة أيضاً، وكانت أعماقه ومكشوفة أمام السيد، كان زكا حتى تلك اللحظة يركض ليرى المسيح، وهو في حقيقة حاله يركض هارباً من تعاسته وشقاوة قلبه، وعندما دعاه السيد كانت هذه الدعوة العجيبة بمثابة دعوة للفرح : «فأسرع ونزل وقبله فرحاً»

ومن المؤكد أن زكا في كل حياته السابقة لم يتذوق فرحاً كالذي عرفه في ذلك اليوم العظيم، يوم تجديد حياته، وانتقاله من الظلمة إلى النور العجيب وفي الحقيقة لا يوجد فرح على الأرض يداني أو يقترب من فرح الحياة الجديدة مع الله

ولو أنك أعطيت زكا مال أربحا بأكملها، بل مال الإمبراطورية الرومانية كلها، لما وجد الفرح الذي لا ينطق به ومجيد، والذي هو فرح الخلاص.

أن عطر هذه القصة مازال ينبعث من صفحات الإنجيل لأنه عطر المسيح الذي قال : «لأن ابن الإنسان قد جاء لكي يطلب ويخلص ما قد هلك»

أمين عزيزي المؤمنين

لكل زكا، يرسل الله جميزة، فلكل واحد يريد يسوع، وامامه الكثير من المعطلات، الجميزة موجودة ليتسلى عليها ويرى يسوع، ولا يبالي بسخرية احد، وهو يراه مختبأ بين اوراق شجرة الجميزة...

احيانا نخسر الكثير من البركات بسبب مشغوليتنا بما سيقوله الناس، وننسى ان الناس الذين بسببهم نخسر الابدية،

لكن زكا تخطى نظرات الناس، ولم ير الا يسوع، فاعتراه فرح لا ينطق به بسبب اكتفائه برؤية يسوع

أمين يا رب

يا ربنا يسوع المسيح الذي جئت تبحث عن وجودنا وضياعنا كما بحثت عن زكا العشار، اجعلنا نتسلى سلم التوبة، وأمنحنا قلباً يُسرّع في قبول دعوتك لتسكن فيه بفرح لكي تساعدنا على تغيير حياتنا وتخطي كل العقبات، فنظهر رحمتك للجميع دون استثناء وتمييز على مثالك فننال الخلاص

عندما سئل أحد رجال الله القديسين كيف وجد المسيح؟! أجاب : أنا لم أجده قط، إنه هو الذي وجدني!

ونحن نسأل من الذي وجد الآخر زكا أم المسيح.....؟؟؟

لقد ذهب زكا مدفوعاً بعاطفة مهما كانت قوية لكنها على أي حال قاصرة، ومهما كانت جميلة، فلقد كانت في المعنى الصحيح ناقصة، كان كل هم زكا أن يرى يسوع من هو!!

أو بعبارة أخرى إنه حب الاستطلاع لشخص سمع عنه ولا شك، ودفعته الرغبة في أن يراه من فوق شجرة على الطريق

وشجر الجميز شجر دائم الأخضرار كثير الورق، ومن السهل على أي إنسان أن يرى الآخرين دون أن يراه أحد، وعلى وجه الخصوص إذا كان قاصراً محدود الحجم

لقد جعل الله على جانب الطريق شجرة من الجميز يمكن ان تعطيه ما يتجاوز به قصره، والطبيعة كما قال أحدهم : يمكن أن تمتد يد المساعدة لمن يرغب في أن يقف إلى جانب الله، وسيخلق الله لنا كافة الظروف المساعدة والمعضدة لتتجاوز القصر الذي تسببه الخطية في حياتنا!!

وعندما تكون هناك إرادة فلا بد أن يكون هناك طريق مفتوح

وقد استجمع زكا إرادته، ولم يعد يبصر أمامه سوى شيء واحد، رؤية المسيح، فلم يعد يبالي بضحك الناس أو سخريتهم من رجل شيخ يركض في الطريق، أو يتسلق الشجرة

لقد صمم أن يرى يسوع، فأصم أذنه عن أي صوت يمكن أن يرتفع، وأغمض عينيه عن أي حاجز يمكن أن يحجب هذه الرؤية.

ونحن لا نظن أن زكا كان يطمع في أكثر من ذلك، لكن المسيح - على العكس - كان يريد ما هو أعمق وأكثر وأجل!!

كان يريد أن يجد زكا، لذلك يتطلع إلى فوق، ويحدثه عن فرصة طويلة لا عن نظرة عابرة، ويناديه باسمه، إنها الخطوة الأولى دائماً من السيد، وهي الخطوة التي يجتاز فيها، ويأخذنا من وسط الجماهير لنصبح له على حدة

فاذا بدا أن زكا هو الذي ذهب، فإن الحقيقة هي أن السيد في تخطيطه الأبدي الصحيح هو الذي جاء، ولهذا قال السيد : «لأن ابن الإنسان قد جاء لِكَيْ يَطْلُبَ وَيُخَلِّصَ مَا قَدْ هَلَكَ.» (لو 19 : 10)

ومن اللازم أن ندرك أن المسيح قد جاء لخلاص الهالك : «لكي يطلب ويخلص ما قد هلك»










وتحضرنا هنا أقوال أحد أباء الكنيسة عندما قال : «إن شجرة الجميز التي تسلقها زكا في ذلك اليوم من الربيع في مدينة أريحا، أضحت واحدة من أعظم المنابر في تاريخ الكنيسة، إنها تعطينا أولاً عظة عن قوة الرحمة، وهذا ما كسب به المسيح زكا،

فلنفرض أنه توقف عند الشجرة قليلاً وهو ينظر إلى زكا ثم قال له : «يا ابن



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	8 Sunday after Theophany الأحد بعد الظهور الالهي Ephesians 4:7-13 Matthew 4:12-17	9 St Polyeuctos James 2:14-26 Mark 1:9-15	10 St Gregory of Nyssa James 3:1-10 Matthew 4:25 & 5:1-12	11  St Theodosios Hebrews 13:7-16 Luke 3:19-22	12 St Tatiana 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 John 10:39-42	13  Sts Eremylos and Stratonicos 2 Timothy 2:1-10 Luke 20:1-8	14 Leave-taking of Theophany وداع الظهور الالهي Ephesians 6:10-17 Matthew 4:1-11
	15 12th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثاني عشر بعد عيد الصليب Colossians 3:4-11 Luke 17:12-19	16 Veneration of the Chains of Peter the Apostle تكريم سلاسل الرسول بطرس Acts 12:1-11 John 21:14-25	17 St Anthony the Great القديس أنطونيوس الكبير Hebrews 13:17-21 Luke 6:17-23	18  Sts Athanasios and Cyril Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 5:14-19	19 St Macarios the Egyptian Galatians 5:22-6:2 John 10:9-16	20  St Euthymios the Great 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Luke 6:17-23	21 St Maximos the Confessor 1 Corinthians 14:20-25 John 25:1-13
	22 15th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الخامس عشر بعد عيد الصليب 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10	23 St Clement of Ancyra 1 Peter 2:21-3:9 Mark 12:13-17	24 St Xenia the Roman 1 Peter 3:10-22 Mark 12:18-27	25  St Gregory the Theologian Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	26 Australia Day St Xenophon and relatives 1 Peter 4:12-5:5 Mark 12:38-44	27  Relics of St John Chrysostom Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	28 St Ephrem the Syrian 2 Timothy 2:11-19 Luke 18:2-8
	29 Publican & Pharisee Sunday أحد الفريسي والمغشاة 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14	30 The Three Hierarchs Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 5:14-19	31 Sts Cyrus and John 2 Peter 2:9-22 Mark 13:14-23				



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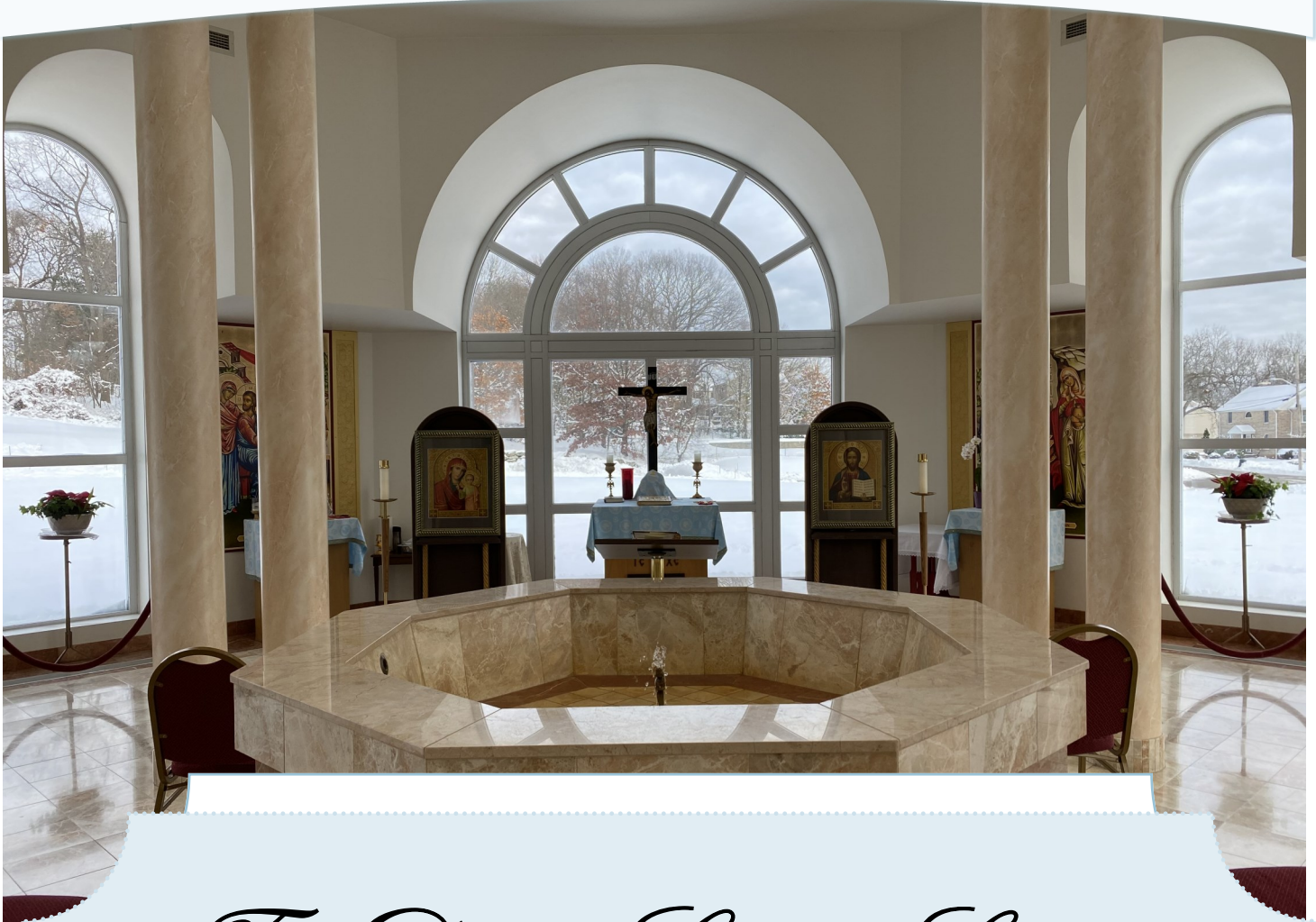
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Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Divine Liturgy

- **9:00 am**
- **11:15 am**

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

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St. Basil's Fellowship Agenda

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

- ☐ Opening Prayer Father Joe
- ☐ Secretary's Minutes Jane Hanna

Old Business:

- ☐ Christmas Party Update Joyce Perry
- ☐ Mission Statement Update Judy Rawan
- ☐ Community Service Update Joyce Perry

New Business:

- ☐ Guest Speaker (Preparation for the Great and Holy Lent) Father Ephrem
- ☐ Committee Breakout Sessions All
 - Guest Speakers
 - Special Events
 - Refreshments
 - Spiritual

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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%

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-Mother Teresa

Current & Future Projects:



Church Roof Repair: Project completed, estimated cost of \$400,000...final cost \$321,000.



Rectory Roof Repair: Proposals received, estimated cost \$18,000, pending review.



Church Window Repairs: Proposals received, estimated cost \$9,000, pending review.



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



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), pending review.



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



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning estimated cost \$9,000.



Exterior/Masonry /Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals.



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

Important Highlights

- We are extremely grateful to all of those who have contributed and supported the campaign thus far.
- The finance committee has begun strategy planning on maximizing the return of current financial reserves for future projects. God willing, this will prevent the need for another capital campaign and *allow for a more spiritual focus!*
- As reflected above, donations have varied in amounts, we do not expect everyone to support with the same amount...*However, we do pray that everyone will support this important campaign!*
- This is an open and transparent campaign, if you have any questions, suggestion, or concerns Fr. Ephrem or any of the committee members would be more than happy review/discuss during coffee hour or feel free to call them at the numbers listed below.



For more information contact any of the committee members, [click here](#), or scan this code with your Smartphone Camera!

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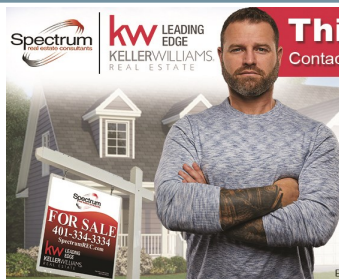
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