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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Reconciliation
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will
be available before the Divine
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Baptism
Please arrange with the pastor

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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



Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

الأحد الخامس بعد العنصرة

Troparion of the resurrection (4th Tone)

The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the apostles: Death is despoiled. Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy.

Troparion of The Mother Of God (Tone 8)

Ever-Virgin Mother of God, refuge and protection of the human race, you gave your mantle and cincture to your city as a powerful defense. These garments remained incorrupt because of your virginal child-bearing. Time and nature are renewed in you, wherefore we pray that you may grant peace to the universe and great mercy to our souls

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.

نشيد القيامة باللحن الرابع

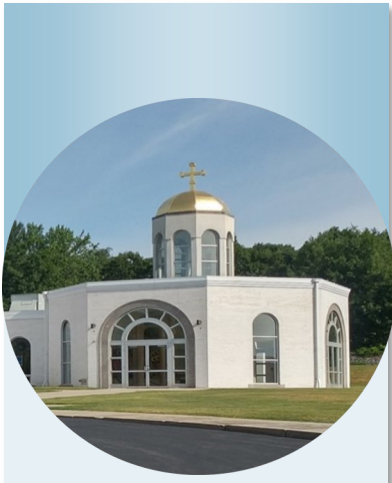
إن تلميذات الرب تعلمن من الملاك بشرى القيامة البهيجة. ونبذن القضاة على الجدين، وقلن للرسل مفخرات: لقد سلب الموت، ونهض المسيح الإله، واهباً للعالم عظيم الرحمة.

طروبارية على اللحن الثامن

يا والدة الإله الدائمة البتولية، يا ملاذ البشر، لقد وهبت مدينتك ثوبك وزنار جسدك الطاهر سوياً عزيزاً. وقد لبنا غير بالبين، لأنك ولدت بغير زرع. فان الزمان والطبيعة يتجددان بك. لذلك نتضرع اليك ان لذلك نتضرع اليك ان تهبي للمسكونة السلام ولنفوسنا عظيم الرحمة.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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



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>



Kontakion of The Mother Of God (Tone 4)

O pure one, whom God Himself has blessed, you have given as a blanket of purity to all the faithful the holy mantle that covered your pure body. We celebrate with love the deposition of this mantle and sing our gleefully: "Hail, O Virgin most honorable, glory of all Christians!"

Epistle, 5TH of Pentecost, Romans 10:1-10

PROKIMENON (Tone 4)
 How great are your works, O Lord!
 In wisdom you have wrought them all.
 Stichon: Bless the Lord, O my soul!
 You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans

Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God in their behalf is for salvation. For I bear witness to them that they have zeal for God, but a zeal that is not informed. For ignorant of God's holiness and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to the sanctification offered by God. For Christ is the consummation of the Law in terms of justification for everyone who believes. For Moses has written that the man who brings about that justification which is of the Law shall live by it. (Lv.18: 5) But the justification which is of faith says, do not ask in your heart, who shall go up to heaven that is, -- to bring down Christ. Or, who will descend into the abyss (Dt.30: 12) that is, to bring up Christ from the dead? But what does it say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. (Dt.30: 14) that is, the word of faith which we preach. For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is the Lord, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For a man believes with the heart and attains justification, but he professes his faith with his mouth and attains salvation.

ALLELUIA (Tone 4)

String your bow, go forth, reign for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness, and your right hand shall lead you wonderfully. Stichon: You loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, your God, anointed you with the oil of joy above your companions.

Gospel Matthew 8:28-9:1 (Healing of the Gerasene Demoniacs),

At that time as Jesus reached the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two men who were possessed, coming from the tombs, so exceedingly fierce that no one could pass by that way. And behold, they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with you, Jesus Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now at a distance from them there was a herd of many swine, feeding. And the devils kept begging him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go!" And they came out and entered into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed from the top of the cliff into the sea, and perished in the water. But the swineherds fled, and going away into the town, they reported everything, and what had befallen the men possessed by - demons. And behold, all the town came out to meet Jesus; and on seeing him they insisted that he leave their district. And getting into a boat, he crossed over and came into his own town.

القنداق على اللحن الرابع

أيتها النقية التي أنعم الله عليها، لقد وهبت لجميع المؤمنين ثوبك المقدس، الذي سترت به جسدك الطاهر وشاح نقاء، يا ملاذاً الهيّا للبشر. فنعيد لوضعه بحب ونصرخ نحوك بإيمان هاتقين: السلام عليك ايها البتول الحلية فخر المسيحيين.

رسالة الاحد الخامس بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة
 ما أعظم أعمالك يا رب، لقد صنعت جميعها بحكمة
 باركي يا نفسي الرب، أيها الربّ الإلهي لقد عظمت جداً
 الرسالة (رومة 10: 1-10)

يا إخوة، أن متيل قلبي وابتهالي إلى الله، هما لأجل اسرائيل لكي يخلصوا. فإني أشهد لهم أنّ فيهم غيرة لله، لكنّها ليست عن معرفة. فإنهم اذ جهلوا برّ الله، وطلبوا أن يقيموا برهم الخاص، لم يخضعوا لبر الله. لان غاية الناموس هي المسيح للبرّ لكل من يؤمن. فإن موسى يصف البرّ الذي من الناموس بأنّ الانسان الذي يعمل هذه الاشياء سيحيا فيها. وأمّا البرّ الذي من الإيمان، فيقول فيه هكذا: لا تفلن في قلبك من يصعد إلى السماء، أي لينزل المسيح؟ أو من يهبط إلى الهاوية، أي ليصعد المسيح من بين الاموات؟ لكن ماذا يقول؟ ان الكلمة قريبة منك، في فيك وفي قلبك، يعني كلمة الإيمان التي نُبشّر بها. لأنك إن اعترفت بفيك بالرب يسوع، وأمنت في قلبك أنّ الله قد أقامه من بين الاموات، ستخلص. لأنه بالقلب يؤمن للبرّ، وبالفم يعترف للخلاص.

هللوا

استلّ وسيروا إلى الأمام، واملك في سبيل الحقّ والدعة والبرّ، فتهديك يمينك هدياً عجبياً
 احببت البرّ وأبغضت الإثم، لذلك مسح الله إلهك بذهن البهجة أفضل من شركائك.

الانجيل (متى 8: 28 الى 9: 1)

في ذلك الزمان، أتى يسوع إلى بقعة الجرجسيين، فاستقبله رجلان بهما شياطين، خارجان من القبور شرسان جداً بحيث لم يقو أحد على أن يجتاز من تلك الطريق. وإذا بهما يصيحان قائلين: ما لنا ولك يا يسوع ابن الله؟ أجنت إلى ههنا قبل الزمان لتعذبنا؟ وكان على بُعد منهما قطع خنازير كثيرة ترعى. فأخذ الشياطين يتضرعون اليه قائلين: إن كنت تُخرجنا، فائذن لنا أن نذهب إلى قطع الخنازير. فقال لهم: أذهبوا. فخرجوا وذهبوا إلى قطع الخنازير. فإذا بقطع الخنازير كلّها قد وثب عن الجرف إلى البحر، ومات في المياه. أمّا الرعاة فهربوا ومضوا إلى المدينة، وأخبروا بكلّ شيء، وبأمر المعتزين. وإذا المدينة كلّها قد خرجت للقاء يسوع. فلما أبصروه طلبوا أن يتحوّل عن تخومهم. فركب السفينة وعبر وأتى إلى مدينته.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, SATURDAY, JULY 1, & SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. FEAST OF THE DEPOSITION OF THE HONORABLE MANTLE OF OUR LADY, THE MOTHER OF GOD, AT BLACHERNAE.

5:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + ALICE AZAR by Brenda & Glen Nile.
- + MARION E. BAKER by Mary Massud.
- + SAMUEL HANNA by Dennis Dakake..
- + JOHN ROWEY by Barbara & Joseph Monsour.
- + YOUSEF DEEB by the Family.
- + MARY SACKAL by Helen Lacy.

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + ROUBA KHOURI by Joseph & Yolanda Saggal.
- + ADIB MECHERFE by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + ROSE & HOUNEIN KHOURY by Micheline Ghanem.
- + YOUSEF DEEB by the Family.
- + SOUAD & JOSEPH YOUAKIM by Youakim Family.

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: June 24 & 25, 2023: Budgets: \$2,533.00: (Envelopes: \$2,400.00, Loose: \$133.00); Candles: \$122.00; Building Fund::\$35.00; Stole Offerings: \$50.00; ; Melkite Diocesan Support: \$202:00; Donation: \$500.00.

GENERAL HOME VISITATIONS, SICK CALLS, HOSPITAL VISITS: Father Ephrem has now been here three years and is 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.

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

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

2023 Food Fair Cooking Schedule Thank you for your help!

Sfeeha – Tuesday, July 11 @ 9:00 a.m.
Grapeleaves – Thursday, August 3, 9:00 a.m.
Sfeeha – Thursday, August 24@ 9:00 a.m.
Sfeeha - Thursday, September 7@ 9:00 a.m.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
receive, seek and you
shall find, knock and it
shall be opened," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos, Your Most
Holy Mother, I knock, I
seek, I ask that my prayer
be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"All that you ask of the
Father in My Name, He
will grant you," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos Your Most Holy
Mother, I humbly and
urgently ask your Father
in your name that my
prayer will be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Heaven and earth shall
pass away but My word
shall not pass away,"
through the intercession
of the *Theotokos* Your
Most Holy Mother, I feel
confident that my prayer
will be granted.





SO DON'T FORGET US! During the summer months, many of our parishioners spend time away on vacation. And that's great. We would respectfully ask that all make sure that they include the Lord during the time away by going to Liturgy wherever they are. Also, please remember that your Parish must maintain its (really, your) financial obligations during the summer months. Please do not neglect your responsibilities to maintain your spiritual home. A few send in their weekly support before they go away; a few make up for the weeks missed when they return. We thank all those who remember to display their love and support for their Church in a responsible manner.

Inspirational – God's present - Yesterday was history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift from God. That's why it's called the present. Those who walk with God always reach their destination. "Every man should keep a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends." - *Henry Ward Beecher*

THIS TUESDAY: July 4, 2023, is a day of celebration and parties. Have fun and please drive carefully.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING: It is not for me to glorify the country which I love with all my heart and soul. I may not ask your praise for anything admirable which the United States has been or done. But on my country's birthday, I may do something far more solemn and more worthy of the hour. I may ask for your prayers in her behalf: That on the manifold and wondrous chance which God is giving her.....on her unconstrained religious life; on her passion for education and her eager search for truth; on her over-zealous care for the poor man's rights and opportunities; on her quiet homes where the future generations of men are growing; ...on her wide gates open to the East and West; on her strange meeting of the races out of which a new race is slowly being born; on her vast enterprise and illimitable hopefulness – on all these materials and machineries of manhood; on all that the life of my country must mean for humanity, I am asking you to pray that the blessing of God....may rest forever.

REFLECTION: "You shall know the truth, and the truth will make you odd".



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

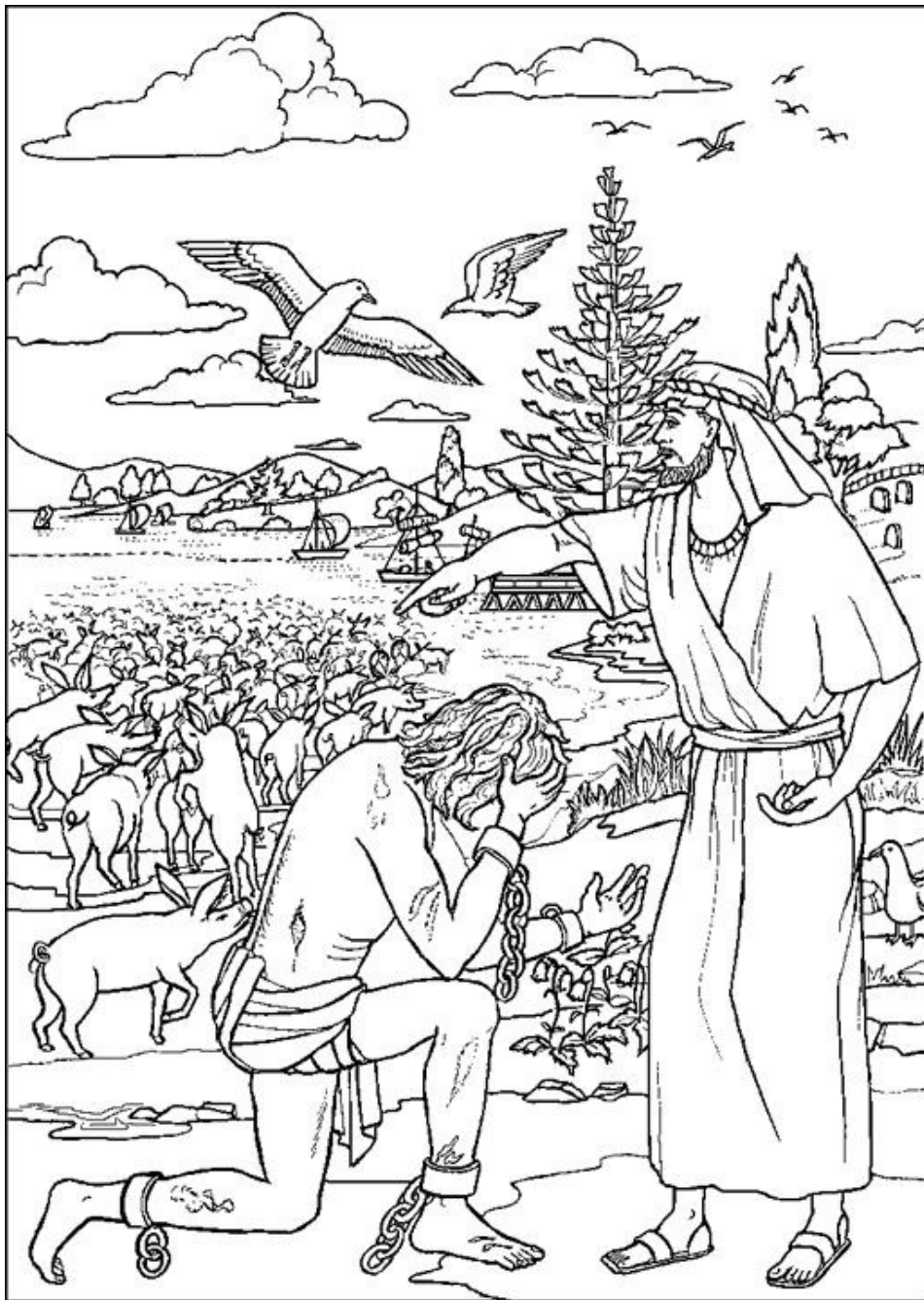


Jesus Casts out Demons

Satan hurts people and wants them to suffer.

Jesus is stronger than Satan.

He loves people so he helps them and saves them from Satan.



معجزات يسوع



تصنيف معجزات سيدنا يسوع المسيح

يمكن تصنيف المعجزات التي قام بها سيدنا يسوع المسيح الى خمسة أصناف وهي:

- 1- الشفاء من الأمراض، وعددها عشرين معجزة. وتتخلص أنواع الأمراض التي شفاها يسوع بـ 10 أمراض وهي: البرص والعمى والنزف والنشل والخرس والضم والحمى والاستسقاء والحدب وبياضة اليد.
- 2- معجزات خارقة للطبيعة، وعددها سبعة معجزات وهي: تهدئة العاصفة (متى 8 : 23-27)؛ مرفس 4 : 35-41)؛ لوقا 8 : 22-25) ، يسوع يمشي على المياه (متى 14 : 22-33)؛ مرفس 6 : 45-52)؛ يوحنا 6 : 17-21) ، لعن شجرة التين (متى 21 : 18-22، مرفس 12 : 11-24) ، قطعة النقد في فم السمكة (متى 17 : 24-27) ، معجزة صيد السمك الاولى (لوقا 5 : 1-11) ، تحويل الماء الى خمر (يوحنا 2 : 1-11) ، معجزة صيد السمك الكثير الثانية (يوحنا 21 : 1-14) .
- 3- إقامة الموتى، وعددها ثلاثة معجزات:
 - إقامة ابنه يابرس (متى 9 : 18 و 45) ، مرفس 5 : 23 ، لو 8 : 41)
 - إقامة لعازر من الأموات (يوحنا 11 : 38-44)
 - إقامة ابن أرملة نايين (لوقا 7 : 11-17)
- 4- إشباع الجماعات، وعددها اثنتان:
 - اشباع الخمسة الألاف (متى 14 : 15-21؛ مرفس 6 : 35-44؛ لوقا 9 : 12-17؛ يوحنا 6 : 5-14) ، وإطعام الأربعة الألاف (مت 15 : 32 ، مرفس 8 : 1) .

- 5- وطرد الشياطين وعددها ثلاث معجزات:
 - طرد الشيطان من أخرس مجنون (مت 9 : 32-33)
 - طرد الشيطان من صبي (مت 17 : 14 ، مرفس 9 : 17 ، لو 9 : 37)
- وقد شهد العديد من الناس مباشرة، ووجهها لوجه، معجزات يسوع، لذا فلا يمكن دحض وتجاوز تلك المعجزات وعدم ذكرها عندما كُتب العهد الجديد. ان حقيقة ان يسوع قام بالعديد من المعجزات أمر هام جدا، فمعجزاته هي دليل على أنه هو المسيح، والمسيح كما ينشر به أشعيا (إشعيا 1: 61-2؛ يوحنا 1: 41)، كما أنها دليل على أنه هو ابن الله (متى 17: 3؛ لوقا 1: 35) ، وأن كلمته هي الحقيقة (عبرانيين 1: 1-2؛ يوحنا 3: 17؛ 5: 36؛ 10: 25؛ 37-38؛ 30-31) .
- كان الغرض من معجزاته ليؤكد للجميع - هؤلاء الناس الذين عاشوا خلال فترة وجوده على الأرض، ونحن اليوم، أنه المسيح ابن الله الحي. ويمكن لأي شخص أن يعرف أن يسوع هو ابن الله، ومخلص كل الذين يطيعون إنجيله (متى 18: 28-29؛ مرفس 15: 16-16؛ يوحنا 8: 31؛ 12: 48) .
- أظهرت معجزات يسوع، كما قلت، قوة خارقة للطبيعة (متى 8: 16؛ 23-27؛ 9: 8) . بعض الناس الذين شهدوا صاحب المعجزات، أو آثار تلك المعجزات، خافوا منها لأنهم لم يفهموا تماما مغزاها (لو 5: 1؛ 10: 25؛ 8: 27-37) . فالمسيح يسوع كان يستخدم قوته ليكشف عن رسالة الله ومحبة لجميع الناس. لذلك لم يكن هناك أي سبب للخوف من السلطة (يوحنا 19: 10-21) . ليس لدينا أي داعي للخوف من قوته عندما يكون هدفنا لخلاصنا، "واخضع كل شيء تحت قدميه" (أفسس 1: 22؛ 5: 23) .

بناء على ماذا كان يسوع يعمل معجزة؟

يمكن تصنيف المعجزات التي قام بها يسوع الى ثلاث فئات رئيسية وهي:

- 1- معجزات تمت بناء على طلب من الأشخاص الذي جرت معه المعجزة
- 2- معجزات تمت بناء على طلب من أهل واقارب الشخص
- 3- ومعجزات تمت بمبادرة من يسوع نفسه مباشرة

استجابة يسوع لطلب المعجزات

يمكن تصنيف استجابة يسوع لطلب المعجزات كما يلي:

- 1- كان يسوع يستجيب مباشرة تلبية لاتماس الايمان وشفقة (مر 2 : 5 ومتى 15 : 28) كاملة.
- 2- كان يسوع يجري حوارا مع طالب المعجزة قبل عملها.
- 3- ورفض مرة واحدة عمل معجزة عندما طلب الفريسيون منه عمل معجزة.

التوزيع الجغرافي للمعجزات

الباحث بعمق في أحداث الاناجيل الاربعة يجد أن هنالك 14 موقعا في الاراضي

المقدسة وقعت بها احداث المعجزات التي صنعها يسوع، وهذه المواقع هي: كفرناحوم (11 معجزة) - بحر الجليل - بلدة الجديين (جدارا) - بيت صيدا (شمال شرقي بحيرة طبريا) - صور وصيدا - أريحا - في الطريق الى اورشليم - قانا الجليل - اورشليم القدس - بيتاني - الجسمانية - قرب قيصرية فيلبس - ديكابوليس - نايين

اهداف صنع المعجزات

المعجزات كانت أعمال فائقة للطبيعة توجه الناس الى الله ، كما كانت أعمال حب ممن هو الحب ذاته، وتدل على حنان يسوع وشفقته، وتدل على أن ليسوع سلطان على الموت ومغفرة الخطايا واعطاء حياة أبدية وطرده الأرواح وعلى الطبيعة. ويمكن الحديث عن عدد من الأهداف السامية الأخرى لتلك المعجزات نجملها فيما يلي:

- 1- ليكشف يسوع لنا عن الآب السماوي ولنؤمن به وبالروح القدس ولاظهار مجد الله.
- 2- وحسب نبؤة أشعيا أرسل يسوع ليتم النبؤة: العمي يبصرون والعرج يمشون.
- 3- لاثبات سلطة يسوع.
- 4- ولتقديم اثبات أن يسوع مرسل من الآب لخالص البشرية (يوحنا 5 : 36)
- 5- المعجزات استخدمت من الآب لتثبيت الأبن.
- 6- وقد كانت المعجزات بمثابة اشارات ، فاشارات المرور في الشوارع تهدف الى توجيه انتباهنا الى أننا ذاهبون باتجاه محدد وهي ترشدنا اذا كنا بخطر أو باتجاه خاطئ ، وهكذا هي معجزات واشارات يسوع فهي توجه انتباه الناس الى ملكوت الله وهو هدفا الرئيسي في هذه الحياة. فمثلا، معجزة ولادة يسوع من العذراء بلا رجل فهتمت من عدد قليل جدا من الناس وكان أول المؤمنين بها يوحنا المعمدان.
- 7- ان العديد من معجزات يسوع اشارت الى حقائق روحية عميقة بأن الله كان يحاول أن يعلم الناس. فمثلا، معجزة تحويل الماء الى خمر تعلمنا أن يسوع أدى هذه الاشارة بالتحديد ليكشف مجد الله. وبعد ذلك عرف يسوع من المرأة السامرية حقيقة زواجها خمس مرات وأنها تعيش بالخطيئة ليفتح عينها للمسيح المنتظر.
- 8- معجزات يسوع توضح الحقيقة وتعطيها الاتجاهات (التعليمات) للحياة الابدية وهي عناصر أساسية في خطة الله للخلاص.
- 9- يسوع نفسه يعتبر شاهد لملكوت الله عن طريق أنه جاء "بقوة عظيمة" فقيامه الموتى هي بمثابة تقييد لقوة الشيطان.
- 10- المعجزات تعتبر بمثابة توجيهات لحقيقة الله، والخطيئة والحكم والحياة الأبدية، فهل نكون حكميين لاعطاء الانتباه التام لتوجيهات الله.

أبرز الدروس والعبر من المعجزات

يمكن الخروج بعدد من الدروس والعبر من المعجزات التي قام بها يسوع وفيما يلي أبرزها بالارتكاز على معجزة تحويل الماء الى خمر.

- 1- الثقة بيسوع
 - 2- توضح قوة وسلطة يسوع على خليقته والطبيعة
 - 3- ليس من الواجب أن نفهم ما يريد منا يسوع حتى نطيعه
 - 4- إذا اردنا ان يحصل معنا معجزة علينا أن ندعو يسوع الى حياتنا (عرس قانا الجليل مثال)
 - 5- أن نتقدم الى يسوع ونطلب منه ونجعل طلبتنا واضحة ومحددة (تعالوا الى ابها المتعبون وثقيلي الاحمال وأنا اريحكم).
 - 6- إن نسمع ما يقوله يسوع ونطيعه
 - 7- إن نترك الوسيلة للرب يسوع لعمل معجزة معنا
 - 8- أن تصبح المعجزة حافزا لنا ولغيرنا للايمان بيسوع
 - 9- على الرغم من أن يسوع كان في مهمة (ON MISSION) على الارض إلا أنه وجد وقتا ليحضر عرسا ويشارك الناس فرحهم.
 - 10- أن نعتمد على يسوع لاصلاح الاخطاء في حياتنا.
- والسؤال الاخير الذي نود أن نطرحه هو:** "هل ما يزال يسوع يجترح معجزات في حياتنا اليومية؟". نعم، ما يزال يسوع يجترح معجزات في حياتنا اليوم مع أناس تم شفائهم أو تحويل حياتهم جذريا بعلاقة حميمة مع يسوع. وما يزال يحرك الحجارة.

Christ's healing



The Gospels as well as the entire Bible gives recognition at times to a spiritual warfare of cosmic dimensions which is ongoing within the created universe. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became incarnate and entered into the world exactly to engage in this warfare on our behalf. Oftentimes in our daily lives we are not aware of the ongoing spiritual warfare, though some people, monks for example are consciously engaged in the warfare on a daily basis.

That Christ came into the world to enter into the fray on our behalf is obvious in today's Gospel lesson:

And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. (Matthew 8:28-9:1)

In the Gospel, it is obvious that Christ does not just talk to those who are holy, sinless, without problems. He engages everyone in the world, even those possessed by Satan.

Compared to life in Biblical times, we have many modern advantages that help relieve suffering, pain and sickness. The medical progress and social welfare we experience are a direct result of Christian efforts to help the needy and to relieve suffering. The impetus was the mercy and care that Christianity advocated for the poor and needy. It was the Christians who established hospices and hospitals and famine relief and care for orphans and widows throughout the Roman Empire. That was the seed for the development of medical science and social concern for those in need. This was a real response to the evil they could see everywhere and which most people simply tried to avoid.

Throughout the Gospel Christ is present in the world seeking lost sheep, injured lambs, the sick and the possessed. Christ freely went even to places and people who had forsaken God. We attend the Liturgy to make

Christ present in our lives, because we agree and believe that there is real evil in the world and we want it defeated. We unite ourselves to Christ to expel evil from our lives. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ to strengthen ourselves in the spiritual warfare so that we can go back into the world to defeat evil and witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We accept the risk of what spiritual warfare means – including martyrdom. Our task is not simply to come to the church to receive Christ and be united to Him. Our task is to go back into the world to get Christ out of the Church and into the entire world, to claim our lives for God and be God's servants daily so that evil is crushed because we are oriented to God. We don't need to orient ourselves toward evil to defeat it, we defeat evil by completing orienting our lives, our hearts and minds to God. If we keep our eyes and hearts on Christ, Satan and evil are automatically defeated.

The Liturgy in the Church orients our lives toward the Kingdom of God, it helps us always keep our face toward God. In the Liturgy we are always facing in one direction toward God, with our backs toward Satan because we have left evil behind us. That is the symbolism of the Liturgy and why we stand and orient ourselves this way in the Liturgy rather than sitting around in circle with the altar at our center.

Our spiritual struggle is not just against our personal sins and passions, it is part of the cosmic warfare against Satan and all evil powers. This is why it is so difficult to overcome our personal sins and failings. Our struggle within ourselves immediately puts us into the conflict with Satan and his forces. When you desire to stop any sin or passion within yourself, lust, greed, anger, lying, etc, you are at once engaged in the spiritual warfare which is raging through the entire world. One difficulty in overcoming our sins, temptations and passions is we are not prepared to engage in the full spiritual warfare against Satan, and we fail to think of ourselves as part of the world or part of a greater whole. We tend to see our self as isolated and in a lonely struggle and that we just have personal problems, but the reality is we really are part of a bigger war. Christ came into the world to take on Himself the sin of the world, to directly confront and defeat Satan. But we have to keep ourselves united to Christ to benefit from His power. We keep ourselves united to Christ in the Communion of the Saints, in the Church, through confession, communion, prayer, the Liturgy, bible study, in practicing charity and forgiveness. We learn to love in and through community and that keeps us in the Body of Christ.

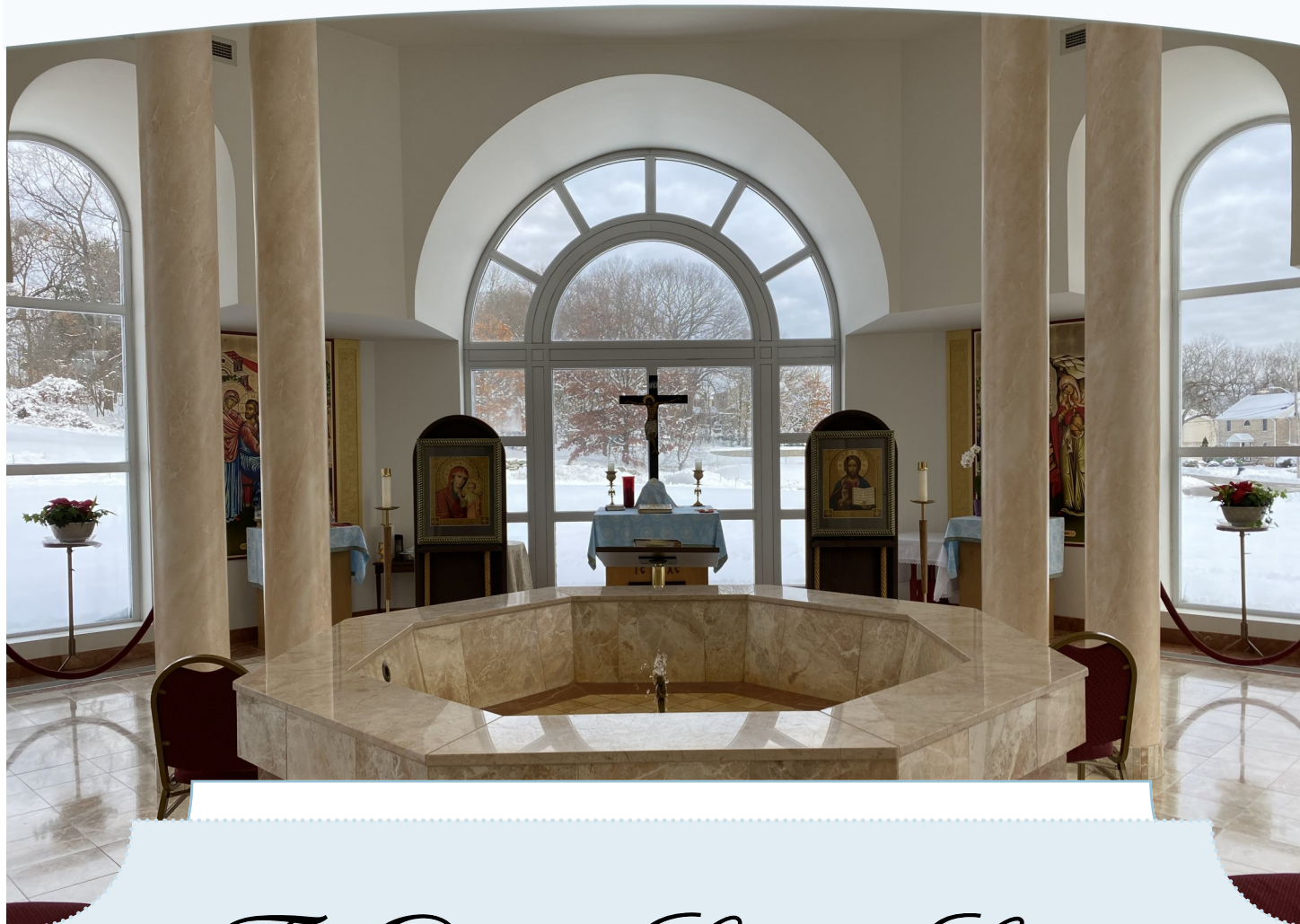


LITURGICAL CALENDAR



JULY	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	2 5 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الخامس بعد العنصرة Romans 10:1-10 Matthew 8:28-9:1	3 St Hyacinth Romans 16:17-24 Matthew 13:10-23	4 St Andrew of Crete 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Matthew 13:24-30	5 St Athanasios of Athos 1 Corinthians 2:9-3:8 Matthew 13:31-36	6 St Sisois the Great 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Matthew 13:36-43	7 St Thomas of Maleum 1 Corinthians 4:5-8 Matthew 13:44-54	8 St Procopios Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 9:18-26
	9 6 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد السادس بعد العنصرة Romans 12:6-14 Matthew 9:1-8	10 The 45 Martyrs of Nicopolis 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11 Matthew 13:54-58	11 St Euphemia 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 7:36-50	12 Sts Proclus and Hilarion 1 Corinthians 7:12-24 Matthew 14:35-15:11	13 Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel 1 Corinthians 7:24-35 Matthew 15:12-21	14 St Joseph the Confessor 1 Corinthians 7:35-8:7 Matthew 15:29-31	15 Sts Cyricos and Julitta Romans 12:1-3 Matthew 10:37-11:1
	16 Fathers of the first 6 Ecumenical Councils آباء المجامع لمسكونية السنة الأولى Titus 3:8-15 Matthew 5:14-19	17 St Marina Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34	18 St Emilian 1 Corinthians 10:5-12 Matthew 16:6-12	19 St Macrina 1 Corinthians 10:12-22 Matthew 16:20-24	20 The prophet Elijah (Elias) النبي إيليا التشبيهي James 5:10-20 Luke 4:22-30	21 Sts Simeon Salos and John 1 Corinthians 11:8-23 Matthew 17:10-18	22 St Mary Magdalene 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 Luke 8:1-13
	23 6 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثامن بعد العنصرة 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 Matthew 14:14-22	24 St Christina 1 Corinthians 11:31-12:6 Matthew 18:1-11	25 Dormition of St Anne رقاد القديسة حنة أم وادة الإله Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21	26 St Hermolaos and his companions 1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5 Matthew 20:1-16	27 St Panteleimon 2 Timothy 2:1-10 Luke 21:12-20	28 Sts Prochor, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas 1 Corinthians 14:26-40 Matthew 21:12-14, 17-20	29 Sts Callinicos and Theodota Romans 14:6-9 Matthew 15:32-39

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Divine Liturgy

- **Saturday at 5:00 pm**
- **Sunday at 10:00 am**

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

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OF HER POVERTY PUT IN ALL THE LIVING
THAT SHE HAD." *MARK 12:41-43*

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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$340,000



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 51%

"It's not about how much we give, but how much love we put into giving"
-Mother Teresa

Current & Future Projects:



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Exterior/Masonry /Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals.



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

Important Highlights

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



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