



June 27th 2021

ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الخامس بعد العنصرة Healing of the Gerasene Demoniacs يسوع يطرد الشياطين

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Saturday 2:30 –3:30 P.M.,

Sunday 9:30-10:30 A.M., or by appointment.

Baptisms: Please arrange with the pastor.

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Troparion of the Resurrection, (4th Tone)

The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the Angels the joyful news of the resurrection and casting away the ancestral sentence, they announced with pride to the Apostles Death is vanquished, Christ God is risen! and has bestowed great mercy upon the world

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.

طروبارية القيامة باللحن الرابع

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

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبلت كلامك، الذي به بينت العقائد بياناً إلهياً، وأوضح طبيعة الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الآب 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 أنك صالحة، بادري إلى معونتنا، نحن الصارخين اليك بأيمان: هلمي إلى الشفاعة، وأسري إلى الابتهاال، يا والدة الإله 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

NAMW: Promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States.

<https://melkite.org/namw>



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.



رسالة الاحد الخامس بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

ما أعظم أعمالك يا رب، لقد صنعت جميعها بحكمة باربي يا نفسي الرب، أبها الرب إلهي لقد عظمته جداً

الرسالة (رومة 10: 1-10)

يا إخوة، أن مثيل قلبي وابتهاالي إلى الله، هما لأجل اسرائيل لكي يخلصوا. فإني أشهد لهم أن فيهم غيرة لله، لكنها ليست عن معرفة. فإنهم اذ جهلوا بر الله، وطلبوا أن يقيموا برهم الخاص، لم يخضعوا لبر الله. لان غاية الناموس هي المسيح للإبر لكل من يؤمن. فإن موسى يصف البر الذي من الناموس بأن الانسان الذي يعمل هذه الاشياء سيحيا فيها. وأما البر الذي من الايمان، فيقول فيه هكذا: لا تقل في قلبك من يصعد إلى السماء، أي ليُنزل 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 الايمان التي نبتش بها. لأنك إن اعترفت بفمك بالرب يسوع، وآمنت في قلبك أن الله قد أقامه من بين الاموات، ستخلص. لأنه بالقلب يؤمن للبر، وبالفم يُعترف للخلاص.

هللوا

استل وسر إلى الأمام، واملك في سبيل الحق والدعة والبر، فتهديك يمينك هدياً عجباً
احببت البر وأبغضت الإثم، لذلك مسحك الله إلهك
بذهن البهجة أفضل من شركائك.

الانجيل (متى 8: 28 إلى 9: 1)

في ذلك الزمان، أتى يسوع إلى بقعة الجرجسيتين، فاستقبله رجلا بهما شياطين، خارجان من القبور شرسان جداً بحيث لم يقو أحدهما على أن يجتاز من تلك الطريق. وإذا بهما يصيحان قائلين: ما لنا ولك يا يسوع ابن الله؟ أجيئت إلى ههنا قبل الزمان لتعذبنا؟ وكان على بُعد منهما قطيع خنازير كثيرة ترعى. فأخذ الشياطين يتضرعون اليه قائلين: إن كنت نُخرجنا، فائذن لنا أن نذهب إلى قطيع الخنازير. فقال لهم: اذهبوا. فخرجوا وذهبوا إلى قطيع الخنازير. فإذا بقطيع الخنازير كله قد وثب عن الجرف إلى البحر، ومات في المياه. أما الرعاة فهربوا ومضوا إلى المدينة، وأخبروا بكل شيء، وبأمر المعتزين. وإذا المدينة كلها قد خرجت للقاء يسوع. فلما أبصروهم طلبوا أن يتحول عن تخومهم. فركب السفينة وعبر وأتى إلى مدينته.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING: June 20, 2021: Budgets: \$2,331.00; Envelopes: \$2,326.00; Loose: \$5.00; Stipends: \$590.00; Candles: \$103.00; Building Fund: \$25.00; Addit'l Melkite Support: \$51.00; Donation: \$800.00.

TODAY, there will be a special collection taken up for MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT. Please be as generous as possible.

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 church and they will be stored in the freezer. Arrangements will be made by the Committee to freeze them.

Please be advised that the weekly bulletin has not been printed due to the COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, but presently, information is available online, church Facebook page and on YouTube.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM FATHER JOHN AZAR: Heartfelt appreciation to all parishioners who visited, expressed condolences and prayers, offered Liturgies/ building fund donations and shared Christian strength and witness at the time of the repose of my beloved sister Mary's repose in the Lord! Appropriate and personal acknowledgements will be sent in time. Long life to all of you! ...Archimandrite John Azar, Atlanta, Georgia.

FATHER DANIEL NASSANEY UPDATE: Thank you all for your prayers and best wishes. They are my source of health and hope. I am doing well and try walking a mile each day. My left leg is still my weak leg. My balance remains unsteady, so I use a walking stick. I saw the plastic surgeon yesterday. He is happy with the healing of the wound where the cancer was removed. He emphasized that the closure is progressing well, but it will take a lot of patience as new skin will eventually form. I shall have a **MRI** and **CAT SCAN** at the end of July before seeing the surgeon who removed the tumor. Hopefully there shall be no cancer. You remain always in my prayer. FR. DAN!

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.

This Wednesday, June 27, 2021, the Divine Liturgy will be offered for All the Deceased Members of your family, relatives, and friends, at 6:30 p.m. (**Remember me, O Lord, in your Kingdom**). Intentions may be emailed to Abouna Ephrem at: office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com and will be remembered silently at the altar. May their memories be eternal!

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

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.





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

TODAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 26, AND SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. FATHER SAMSON THE HOSTELER.

4:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **ANN NAJJAR TETREAU (40 Day)** by her husband Roland, her Children & their Families.
- + **OLGA ASERMELY-NICOLETTA (2nd Anniv.)** by her Children.
- + **JOSEPH HARRAKA** by Richard & Rose Marie Costa.
- + **TODD HARRAKA** by George & Jeanne Harraka.
- + **JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + **CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke & Family.
- + **LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE** by Uncle Michael, Auntie B., Greg & Katie.
- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by M/M Michael & Lina Raheb & Family.
- + **MARY TAHAN** by George & Cheryl Mardo.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by Shirley Moon Lemay.
- + **ANNE JARJOURA** by Margaret Sabbagh.
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.

11:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **LEE GREENE** by Marie & George Ghazal & Family.
- + **CLAUDINE RABBAT** by George & Sherine Mussalli & Family.
- + **YUSEF AGHIA** by his wife Rouaida & Family.
- + **DIAB YOUNES & JOSEPH YOUAKIM** by the Youakim Fam
- + **GEORGE LOZE (Valencia, Venezuela)** by M/M Paul Attar.
- + **ELIAS J. KISHFY** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.
- + **AMANDA ROWEY** by Anthony Rowey & Family.
- + **GEORGE BOUDJOUK** by M/M Gregory Richard & Family.
- + **MARIE CLAIRE CHOUHA** by George & Kristen Baalbaki & Family.
- + **GEORGE DECKEY** by Jason Boudjouk, M.D.
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by St. Basil's Parish Council.
- + **LOUIS P. KISHFY** by Joan Ray.
- + **FRANCIS A. SAGGAL** by Patrick, Mary, Brooke, & J.P. Saggal
- + **ALBERT J. KISHFY** by Michael & Jane Boudjouk.
- + **GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL** by Robert & Lydia Gaboriault.
- + **YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by Gloria Deckey & Family.



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)

The Gospel lesson shows Christ active in the world, not enthroned in the comfort and safety of heaven, and not just piously praying in the temple. It is a lesson about Christ engaging evil face to face in a desolate place where most humans have decided not to go. Christ is God's presence and power in the world casting out the forces of Satan from the lives of two rather unsavory men.

Whether we think in these terms or not, we ourselves come to church in order to personally experience that presence of the Kingdom in our lives, to commit ourselves to the Kingdom of God and to show our own rejection of all that is evil. Our presence at the Liturgy is not withdrawal from the world, nor fleeing the real presence of evil in the world, but rather adding ourselves to the spiritual war against Satan. Throughout the Liturgy we are praying for and about the world and all that is in the world. We unite ourselves to Christ in order to defeat Satan in our own lives so that we can be what Christ expects of us:

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:13-14)

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.

معجزات يسوع



- 3- إقامة الموتى، وعددها ثلاثة معجزات:
 - إقامة ابنه يائرس (متى 9: 18 و 45، متى 23: 5، لو 8: 41)
 - إقامة لعازر من الأموات (يوحنا 11: 38-44)
 - إقامة ابن أرملة نائين (لوقا 7: 11-17)
- 4- اشباع الجماعات، وعددها اثنتان:
 - اشباع الخمسة الآلاف (متى 14: 15-21؛ مرقس 6: 35-44؛ لوقا 9: 12-17؛ يوحنا 6: 5-14)، وإطعام الأربعة الآلاف (متى 15: 32، لو 8: 1).
- 5- وطرد الشياطين وعددها ثلاث معجزات:
 - طرد الشيطان من أخرس مجنون (متى 9: 32-33)
 - طرد الشيطان من صبي (متى 17: 14، مرقس 9: 17، لو 9: 37)

وقد شهد العديد من الناس مباشرة، ووجهاً لوجه، معجزات يسوع، لذا فلا يمكن دحض وتجاوز تلك المعجزات وعدم ذكرها عندما كُتِبَ العهد الجديد. إن حقيقة أن يسوع قام بالعديد من المعجزات أمر هام جداً. فمعجزاته هي دليل على أنه هو المسيح، والمسيح كما بشر به أشعيا (إشعيا 61: 1؛ يوحنا 1: 41)، كما أنها دليل على أنه هو ابن الله (متى 17: 13؛ لوقا 1: 35)، وأن كلمته هي الحقيقة (عبرانيين 2: 1-11؛ يوحنا 10: 36؛ 17: 38-30؛ 20: 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 28: 18؛ مرقس 16: 15؛ يوحنا 3: 16-17؛ يوحنا 8: 12؛ 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 تماماً مغزاها (لو 10: 5؛ 10: 25؛ 8: 27-37). فالعالم يسوع كان يستخدم قوته ليكشف عن رسالة الله ومحبة لجميع الناس. لذلك لم يكن هناك أي سبب للخوف من السلطة (يوحنا 10: 19-21). ليس لدينا أي داعي للخوف من قوته عندما يكون هدفها لخلاصنا، "وأخضع كل شيء تحت قدميه" (أفسس 1: 22؛ 5: 23).

بناء على ماذا كان يسوع يعمل معجزة؟

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

- 1- معجزات تمت بناء على طلب من الشخص الذي جرت معه المعجزة
- 2- معجزات تمت بناء على طلب من أهل وأقارب 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 لتلبية اللتماس الايمان وشفقة (مر 2: 5 ومثى 15: 28) كأمثلة.
- 2- كان يسوع يجري حواراً 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 هناك 14 موقعا في الاراضي المقدسة وقعت بها احداث المعجزات التي صنعها يسوع، وهذه المواقع هي:

كفرناحوم (11 معجزة) - بحر الجليل - بلدة الجدرين (جدارا) - بيت صيدا (شمال شرقي بحيرة طبريا) - صور - صيدا - اريحا - في الطريق الى اورشليم - قانا الجليل - اورشليم القدس - بيتاني - الجسثمانية - قرب قيصرية فيلبس - ديكابوليس - نائين

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 وطرد الارواح وعلى الطبيعة. ويمكن الحديث عن عدد من الاهداف السامية الاخرى 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 ليتمم النبؤة: العمي يبصرون والعرج يمشون.
- 3- لإثبات سلطة يسوع.
- 4- ولتقديم اثبات أن يسوع مرسل من الآب لخلاص البشرية (يوحنا 5: 36)

- 5- المعجزات استخدمت من الآب لتثبيت الاين.
- 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 واسارات يسوع فهي توجه انتباه الناس الى ملكوت الله وهو هدفنا الرئيسي في هذه الحياة. فمثلا، ولادة يسوع من العذراء بلا رجل فُهِمَتْ من عدد قليل جدا من الناس وكان أول المؤمنين بها يوحنا المعمدان.
- 7- من العديد من معجزات يسوع اشارت الى حقائق روحية عميقة بأن الله كان يحاول أن يُعلم الناس. فمثلا، معجزة تحويل الماء الى خمر تعلمنا أن يسوع أدى هذه الإشارة 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 الأبدية وهي عناصر أساسية في خطة الله للخلاص.
- 9- يسوع نفسه يعتبر شاهد لملكوت الله عن طريق أنه جاء "بقوة عظيمة" قيامته الموتى هي بمثابة تقييد لقوة الشيطان.
- 10- المعجزات تعتبر بمثابة توجيهات لحقيقة الله، والخطيئة والحكم والحياة الأبدية، فهل نكون حكيمين 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 نقهر ما يريد منا يسوع حتى نطيعه
 - 4- إذا اردنا أن نحصل معنا معجزة علينا أن ندعو يسوع الى حياتنا (عرس قانا الجليل مثال)
 - 5- أن نتقدم الى يسوع ونطلب منه ونجعل طلبتنا واضحة ومحددة (تعالوا الي أيها المتعبون وثقيلي الاحمال وأنا أريحكم).
 - 6- أن نسمع ما يقوله يسوع ونطيعه
 - 7- أن نترك الوسيلة للرب يسوع لعمل معجزة معنا
 - 8- أن تصبح المعجزة حافزا لنا ولغيرنا للايمان بيسوع
 - 9- على فرحهم من أن يسوع كان في مهمة (ON MISSION) على الارض ألا أنه وجد وقتا ليحضر عرساً ويشارك الناس في فرحهم.
 - 10- أن نعلم على يسوع لإصلاح الخطاء في حياتنا.
- والسؤال الأخير الذي نود أن نطرحه هو:** "هل ما يزال يسوع يجتري معجزات في حياتنا اليومية؟". نعم، ما يزال يسوع يجتري معجزات في حياتنا اليوم مع أناس تم شفائهم أو تحويل حياتهم جذرياً بعلاقة حميمة مع يسوع. وما يزال يحرك الحجارة.

ذكرت الأنجيل العديد من المعجزات التي عملها الرب يسوع في أثناء حياته على الأرض، ولكنها لا تستوعب كل ما صنع من معجزات، فقد "جال يصنع خيراً، وشفى جميع المتسلط عليهم إبليس" (ع 10: 38). ويقول البشير يوحنا: "وأشياء أخرى كثيرة صنعها يسوع، إن كتبت واحدة واحدة، فلست أظن أن العالم نفسه يسع الكتب المكتوبة" (يو 21: 25).

لذا فإن عدد المعجزات لا يعد ولا يحصى، إلا أن عدد المعجزات المدونة في الأنجيل هي 35 معجزة، وهذه المعجزات مصنفة كما يلي: هنالك 17 معجزة منفردة بمعنى أنها ذكرت منفردة في إنجيل واحدة وهي: ثلاثة منها منفردة في متى، وستة منها منفردة في لوقا، واثنان منفردتان في مرقس، وستة منفردة في يوحنا. وهنالك 11 معجزة مشتركة ما بين ثلاثة أناجيل (متى ومرقس ولوقا). وواحدة مشتركة ما بين الأربعة أناجيل. وستة مشتركة ما بين إنجيلين (3 بين متى ومرقس واثنان ما بين متى ولوقا وواحدة ما بين مرقس ولوقا). وهذه المعجزات الخمسة وثلاثين مذكور منها 20 في متى و18 في مرقس و20 في لوقا و7 منها في يوحنا. وهي مصنفة بالتفصيل كما يلي:

- (1) معجزات ذكرها إنجيل متى فقط:
 - شفاء أعميين (متى 9: 31-37)
 - طرد الشيطان من أخرس مجنون (متى 9: 32-33)
 - وجود الأستار في قم السمكة (متى 17: 24-27)
- (2) معجزات ذكرها إنجيل مرقس فقط:
 - شفاء رجل أصم أعقد (مر 7: 31-37)
 - شفاء رجل أعمى (مر 18: 22-26)
- (3) معجزات سجلها إنجيل لوقا فقط:
 - صيد السمك الكثير (لو 5: 1-11)
 - إقامة ابن أرملة نائين (لو 7: 11-17)
 - شفاء المرأة المنحنية (لو 13: 10-17)
 - شفاء إنسان به استسقاء (لو 14: 6-1)
 - شفاء عشرة برص (لو 17: 11-19)
 - شفاء أذن ملخس (لو 22: 50 و51)
- (4) معجزات سجلها إنجيل يوحنا فقط:
 - تحويل الماء إلى خمر (يو 2: 11-1)
 - شفاء ابن خادم الملك (يو 4: 46-54)
 - شفاء مريض بركة بيت حسدا (يو 5: 9-1)
 - شفاء الرجل المولود أعمى (يو 9: 1-7)
 - إقامة لعازر من الأموات (يو 11: 38-44)
 - صيد 153 سمكة كبيرة بعد القيامة (يو 21: 1-14)
- (5) معجزات ذكرها انجيلي متى ومرقس:
 - شفاء ابن المرأة الكنعانية (متى 15: 28؛ مرقس 7: 24)
 - إطعام الأربعة الآلاف (متى 15: 32، مرقس 8: 1)
 - لعنة شجرة التين (متى 21: 19، مرقس 11: 13-14)
- (6) معجزات ذكرها انجيلي متى ولوقا:
 - شفاء غلام قائد المنة من الفالج (متى 5: 8، لو 7: 1)
 - شفاء المجنون الأعمى الأخرس (متى 12: 22، لو 11: 14)
- (7) معجزات ذكرها انجيلي مرقس ولوقا:
 - شفاء رجل به روح نجس في مجمع كفرناحوم (مر 1: 23، لو 4: 33)
 - شفاء المجنون الأعمى الأخرس (متى 12: 23، لو 11: 14)
- (8) معجزات ذكرتها اناجيل متى ومرقس ولوقا:
 - شفاء الأرض (متى 8: 2، مرقس 1: 25؛ لو 12: 1)
 - شفاء حماة بطرس (متى 8: 14، مرقس 1: 30، لو 8: 34)
 - إسكات العاصفة (متى 8: 23، مرقس 4: 37، لو 8: 22)
 - شفاء مجنون كورة الجدرين (متى 8: 28، مرقس 1: 25، لو 8: 26)
 - شفاء المغلول (متى 9: 2، مرقس 2: 3، لو 5: 18)
 - إقامة ابنه يائرس (متى 9: 18 و45، مرقس 5: 23، لو 8: 41)
 - شفاء المرأة نازفة الدم (متى 9: 20-22، مرقس 5: 5، لو 8: 43)
 - شفاء الرجل ذي اليد اليابسة (متى 12: 10، مرقس 3: 1؛ لو 6: 6)
 - طرد الشيطان من صبي (متى 17: 14، مرقس 9: 37)
 - شفاء الرجل الأعمى خارج أريحا (متى 20: 30، مرقس 10: 46، لو 18: 35)
- (9) معجزات ذكرتها اناجيل متى ومرقس ويوحنا:
 - سير الرب يسوع على الماء (متى 14: 25، مرقس 6: 48، يو 6: 19)
- (10) معجزة واحدة ذكرتها الأنجيل الأربعة:
 - إشباع الخمسة الآلاف (متى 14: 15، مرقس 6: 34، لو 9: 10، يو 6: 14-1)

بالإضافة إلى ذلك هنالك أربعة معجزات هامة جداً وهي معجزة ولادة يسوع من العذراء بدون رجل، ومعجزة التجلي، ومعجزة القيامة، ومعجزة الصعود. وبلخص لوقا في أعمال الرسل (10: 38) نشاط يسوع من أجل الملكوت بقوله: "يعمل الخير ويرىء الناس الذين أصيبوا بمرض أو بقوى الشر. وفي مكان آخر من السفر نفسه، يطلق لوقا على يسوع لقباً جميلاً هو "سيد الحياة" (أعمال الرسل 3: 15). (الآب جيرالد أوكلز اليسوعي، يسوع ملاحم من شخصيته، دار المشرق، ط1، 2010، ص 103).

تصنيف معجزات سيدنا يسوع المسيح

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

- 1- الشفاء من الأمراض، وعددها عشرين معجزة. وتلخص أنواع الأمراض التي شفاها يسوع بـ 10 أمراض وهي: البرص والعوى والزف والشلل والخرس والصمم والحمى والاستسقاء والحذب وبياسة اليد.
- 2- معجزات خارقة للطبيعة، وعددها سبعة معجزات وهي: تهدئة العاصفة (متى 8: 23-27)؛ مرقس 4: 35-41؛ لوقا 8: 22-25؛ يسوع يمشي على المياه (متى 14: 22-24؛ مرقس 6: 45-52)؛ يوحنا 6: 17-21، لعن شجرة التين (متى 21: 18-22، مرقس 11: 13-14؛ لوقا 13: 22-24؛ مرقس 11: 13-14؛ لوقا 13: 22-24)، معجزة صيد السمك الأولى (لوقا 5: 1-11)، تحويل الماء إلى خمر (يوحنا 2: 11-11)، معجزة صيد السمك الكثير الثانية (يوحنا 21: 1-14).

Following Jesus Kids bulletin

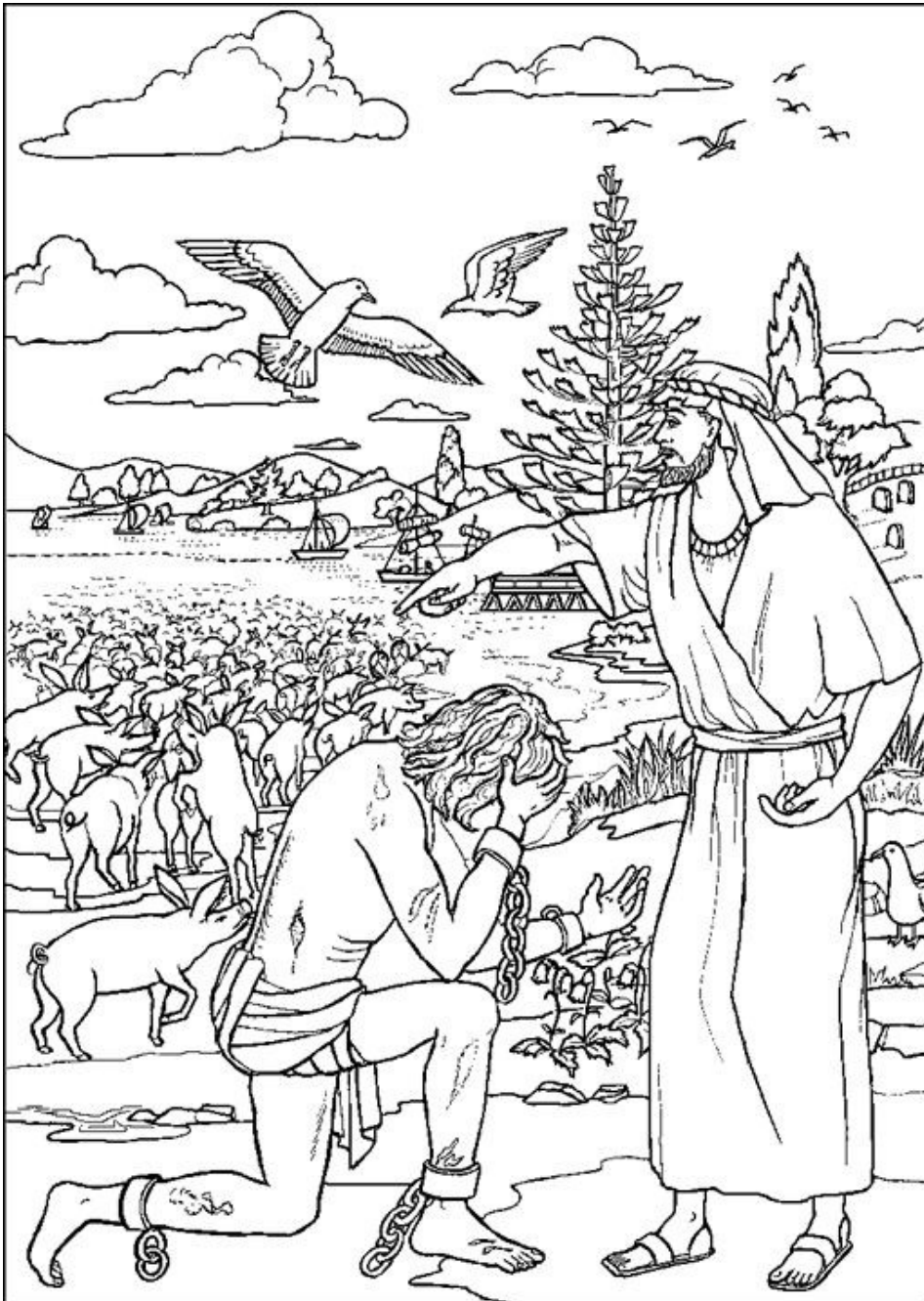


Jesus Casts out Demons

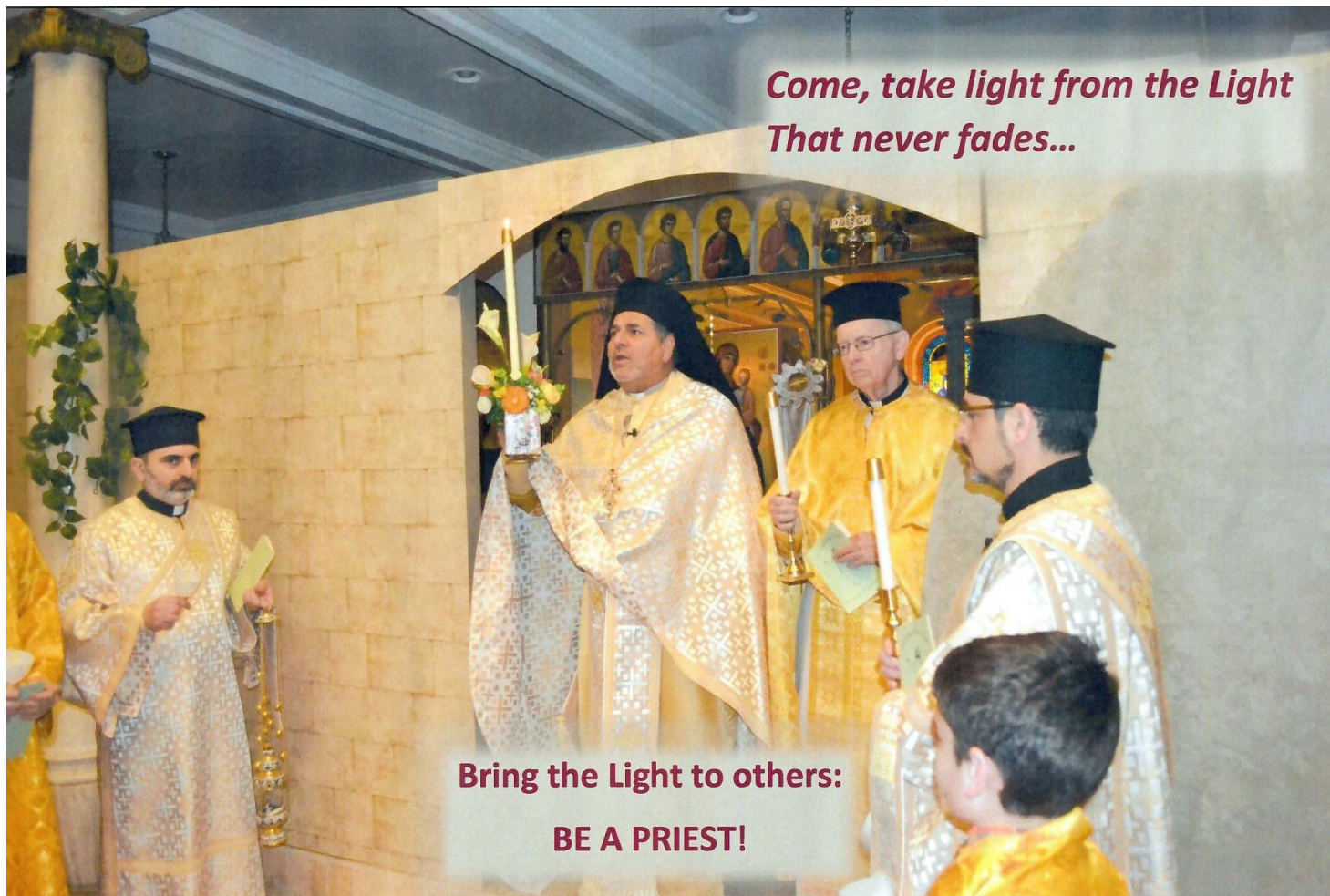
Satan hurts people and wants them to suffer.

Jesus is stronger than Satan.

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



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

JUNE



حزيران - يونيو
2021

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Liturgical Symbols:

- Abstain from meat
- Church Major Feasts
- Fast from midnight until noon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 St Justin the Philosopher Romans 4:4-12 Matthew 7:15-21	2 St Nicephoros the Confessor Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 7:21-23	3 Feast of the Divine Body عيد الجسد الالهي 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 John 6:48-54	4 St Metrophanes of Constantinople Romans 5:17-6:2 Matthew 9:14-17	5 St Dorotheos of Tyre Romans 3:19-26 Matthew 7:1-8
6 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثاني بعد العنصرة Romans 2:10-16 Matthew 4:18-23	7 St Theodotos of Ancyra Romans 7:1-13 Matthew 9:36-10:8	8 Queen's Birthday Relics of St Theodore Romans 7:14-8:2 Matthew 10:9-15	9 St Cyril of Alexandria Hebrews 7:26-8:2 Matthew 5:14-19	10 Leave-taking of the Feast of the Divine Body وداع جسد الرب Romans 8:22-28 Matthew 10:23-31	11 Sts Bartholomew and Barnabas the Apostles Romans 9:6-19 Matthew 10:32-36, 11:1	12 St Peter of Athos Romans 3:28-4:3 Matthew 7:24-8:4
13 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثالث بعد العنصرة Romans 5:1-10 Matthew 6:22-33	14 Holy Prophet Elisha Romans 9:18-33 Matthew 11:2-15	15 Holy Prophet Amos Romans 10:11-11:2 Matthew 11:16-20	16 St Tikhon of Cyprus Romans 11:2-12 Matthew 11:20-26	17 Sts Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael Romans 11:13-24 Matthew 11:27-30	18 St Leontios Romans 11:25-36 Matthew 12:1-8	19 St Jude the Apostle Beginning of the Apostles Fast بدء قطاعة الرسل Romans 6:11-17 Matthew 8:14-23
20 4 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الرابع بعد العنصرة Romans 6:18-23 Matthew 8:5-13	21 St Julian of Tarsus Romans 12:4-5, 15-21 Matthew 12:9-13	22 St Eusebios of Samosata Romans 14:9-18 Matthew 12:14-16, 22-30	23 Holy Martyr of Agrippina Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 1:29-45	24 Nativity of St John the Forerunner مولد يوحنا المعمدان Romans 13:11-14:4 Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80	25 St Febronia Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 13:3-9	26 St David of Thessalonica Romans 8:14-21 Matthew 9:9-13
27 5 th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الخامس بعد العنصرة Romans 10:1-10 Matthew 8:28-9:1	28 Relics of Sts Cyrus and John Romans 16:17-24 Matthew 13:10-23	29 Sts Peter and Paul the Apostles الرسولان بطرس وبولس 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 Matthew 16:13-19	30 Synaxis of the Apostles محفل مقدس للرسول 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:36-10:8			

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness."

At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus.

May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.

As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected

and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with our priests and spiritual care givers. May they know that they are loved and cared for.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.

May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few,

Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

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WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT CHURCH:

- Remind yourself why you are here: Jesus Christ. You have an appointment every Sunday morning at 10:30am with Him, so you should not be late. Would you be late to any other appointment? Get extra rest so that you can make it to Church on time.
- Shut off all beepers, phones, and electronic devices. NO text messaging!
- As we sing in the Liturgy, "Let us lay aside all earthly care."**
- When entering the Church, venerate/kiss the icon at the entrance, cross yourself in prayer, and light a candle.



YOU MAY NOT ENTER THE CHURCH AT THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:

- During the Entrance of the Holy Gospel
- During the reading of the Epistle and the Holy Gospel
- During the Sermon

- During the Entrance of the Holy Gifts

If you arrive during the above mentioned times, please wait at the back of the church.

When you enter or exit the Church, use only the side aisles. No one is to use the middle aisle at any time during the service, except for the Communion line.



YOU SHOULD NOT BE SEATED DURING THE FOLLOWING MOMENTS:

- The singing of the Great Doxology ("Glory to Thee who has shown us the Light")
- At "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit..."
- During the Entrance of the Holy Gospel
- During the reading of the Holy Gospel
- During the Entrance of the Gifts
- During the Consecration of the Gifts
- During the Creed and the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father")
- While the priest and deacon are distributing Holy Communion
- Any time the priest blesses you with his hand or the cross



CONDUCT IN CHURCH:

It is important to keep a reverent attitude and demeanor in Church at all times.

- Be on time! The proper time to arrive is **before** the service begins.
- Should you have an emergency and think you will be late to Church, still come, pray, and give thanks to God for all things!
- You are there to pray, so focus on the prayers and hymns of the Liturgy
- Do not cross your legs while seated; please be firm while standing
- Do not stand with your hands in your pockets
- Do not chew gum; absolutely no eating or drinking
- Do not talk during the Divine Liturgy, especially during the Gospel reading and in Communion line (wait until Coffee Hour to say hello)
- Communion is not the end of Liturgy; do not leave until Liturgy is completely over and you have kissed the cross. You may not go to the Hall during Liturgy.



MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:

The sign of the Cross is extremely powerful due to the reminder it gives of Christ's sacrifice. Tracing the sign of the Cross on ourselves serves as the accepting of that sacrifice and the blessing to emulate it in our everyday life. Making the sign of the Cross is the reception of the blessing bestowed on you by the Bishop or the Priest. It is the pious custom of devout people to trace themselves with the sign of the cross at important parts of the Divine Liturgy.

WHEN TO MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:

- At the beginning and end of prayers and services
- Upon entering Church and leaving Church
- At the mention of the "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"
- When offering glory or blessedness to God
- At any prayerful invocation of God
- When the priest exclaims "Peace be to all"



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- When the priest blesses the faithful with his hand or cross
- When the priest censes the people
- During the Entrance of the Holy Gospel
- During the Trisagion Prayers or Hymn (Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy...)
- After receiving Holy Communion (after you have taken a few steps away from the chalice)

BOWING YOUR HEAD:

There are certain times in the service when parishioners should bow their heads:

- When the priest exclaims "Peace be to all"
- At the exclamation "Bow your heads unto the Lord"
- When the priest blesses the faithful with his hand or cross or censer
- When the priest or deacon bows toward the people during the services
- During the Entrance of the Holy Gospel
- When the Holy Gospel is read
- During the Entrance of the Gifts
- During the Consecration of the Gifts
- When you feel you need to focus on the service as to not get distracted



RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

To receive Holy Communion a person should:

- Prepare by prayer, by repentance, ultimately by receiving the Sacrament of Confession
- Prepare by fasting from food and drink (except for those with medical reasons) upon rising in the morning at least an hour before
- Refrain from smoking or chewing gum upon rising in the morning
- Ask forgiveness of anyone you have wronged
- Offer forgiveness to anyone who has wronged you
- Approach the chalice with reverence and thanksgiving, with arms crossed or hands folded with one's mind on Christ
- Say your name to the priest as you approach the Holy Chalice
- Tilt your head back and open your mouth as wide as you can
- You should NOT receive Holy Communion if you arrive to Church after the reading of the Gospel.
- Quietly return to your place and recite the Thanksgiving prayers



CHURCH ATTIRE:

Use Good Judgment! Common Sense! We should offer Christ our "Sunday Best", not our everyday or common wear. Our dress should always be becoming of a Christian, and exemplify Christian values.

- No Sleeveless T-Shirts, No Tank-tops, No Sun-glasses on head (or baseball caps)
- No Gym Shoes, No shorts, No Flip-Flops
- Dresses and skirts must fall below the knee and must be worn loosely; not tight
- Ladies' blouses should not be revealing and must cover the chest and shoulders
- Excessive make-up must be avoided. Women who wear lipstick should make sure lips are dry before receiving Communion, kissing cross or the priest's hand.
- This attire is to be for all ages!
- This attire is to help us realize how to respect our bodies, the Church, and to properly offer up prayer for our sins
- This attire is to help us NOT become a distraction to others who are trying to focus themselves





We are pleased to announce

The Daily Divine Liturgy

At St. Elias Chapel (St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church)

Tuesday through Friday at 9 A.M.

Saturday at 4 P.M.

Sunday at 11 A.M.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live” *John 11:25*

Remember me in your Kingdom

You are invited to the Divine Liturgy for the departed
in the Lord in the Hope of Resurrection
On the last Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 pm

أَنَا هُوَ الْقِيَامَةُ وَالْحَيَاةُ. مَنْ آمَنَ بِي وَلَوْ مَاتَ فَسَيَحْيَا. (يو 11: 25)

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أدعوكم إلى القداس الإلهي

من أجل الراقيدين على رجاء القيامة

في الأربعاء الأخير من كل شهر الساعة 6:30 مساءً

LITURGY OR MASS INTENTIONS



Mass intentions can be scheduled for those who have died, and on the occasion of a birthday, wedding anniversary, for healing for the conversion of sinners, for the grace to face the challenges in life, for the success in a new job, for those serving in the church and country in different levels, for good weather, bountiful harvest, for world peace, in thanksgiving for the blessings received, etc. You can find so many reasons to think about a Mass offering. We offer the Mass for a specific intention because we believe in the immense spiritual value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The custom of giving offering to have Liturgies said for specific intentions is a laudable one and should be maintained as much as possible. Church teaching and Canon Law (nos. 942-958) provide important guidelines on how to preserve the dignity and appreciation of this practice. Overall, it should be well noted that Liturgy offerings are never to be viewed as a means of parish fundraising.

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DEAD: The Apostolic Constitutions refer to the repetition of the Mass on the third, ninth and fortieth days: "Let the third day be observed in remembrance of the dead with psalms, lessons, and prayers, because Christ rose from the dead on the third day. Let the ninth day be observed in remembrance both of the living and the dead, and also the fortieth day, in accordance with mourning customs of the Israelites at the time of Moses' death. Finally, let the anniversary day be observed in memory of the dead."

In contemporary Byzantine practice, the dead are commemorated on the ninth and fortieth days and on the anniversary of their departure from this world.

Formerly under the jurisdiction of the local Latin Ordinaries before the Exarchate was established under the leadership of the late Bishop Justin Najmy of this Parish, all Melkites have been subject to the latter since its erection in 1966. The Constitution of the Melkite Eparchy which is now a sole Diocese since 1976 still acknowledges this definitive protocol. Our parishes follow local discipline in the various customs e.g., clergy attire, stipends (Mass Offerings), etc. except in Liturgy and Ritual. Our relationship with the local Latin Dioceses and Latin pastors must be permeated with a spirit of love and friendship and cooperation.

Effective January 1, 2008, which by-passed us, the schedule of offerings for Masses in parishes is now \$25.00; Funerals: \$300.00; Weddings: \$300.00.

Canon Law prohibits accepting stipends or offerings for Masses more than one year in advance (rolling calendar) Canon 953. The time within which Masses must be celebrated (1 year) begins the day the intention is received (Canon 955 #2.)

May the memories of our beloved deceased be eternal and many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these guidelines and restrictions.

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