



November 1st, 2020

ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday After The Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross

Commemoration of the Holy martyrs the Wonderworkers
and Physicians Cosmas and Damian

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Divine Liturgies :

Tuesday through Friday at 9: 00 A.M.
Saturday at 4:00 P.M.
Sunday at 11:00 A.M.

**Pastoral Emergencies and anointing
of the sick:** (401)722-1345

Holy Mysteries:

Reconciliation:

Saturday 2:30 –3:30 P.M.,
Sunday 9:30-10:30 A.M., or by
appointment.

Baptisms: Please arrange with the
pastor.

Marriages: 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.

Troparion of the Resurrection (5th Tone)

Let us, O Faithful, praise and worship the Word co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For he has willed to be lifted in the flesh upon the cross, and to endure death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection

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.

Kontakion

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

Hirmos

It is truly right to call you blessed, O Theotokos, You are ever-blessed and all blameless, and the Mother of our God. Higher in honor than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, You gave birth to God the Word in virginity, You are truly Mother of God. You do we exalt.

Epistle of the Divine Liturgy

Prokimenon (Tone 5)

You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

Stichon: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

Galatians 6:11-18 (22 after Pentecost)

Brothers and sisters, see what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised

نشيد القيامة باللحن الخامس

لننشد نحن المؤمنين. ونسجد للكلمة. الأزل مع الآب والروح. المولود من العذراء لخلصنا. لأنه ارتضى أن يصعد بالجسد على الصليب. ويحتل الموت. وينهض الموتى بقيامته المجيدة.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقتك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبلت كلامك، الذي به بنيت العقائد بيانا إلهيا، وأوضحت طبيعة الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الآب البار ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

قنداق الختام

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 دائما عن مكرميك

النشيد لوالدة الإله

إنه واجب حق أن نغبطك، يا والدة الإله، الدائمة الغبطة، والمُنزّهة عن كلّ عيب، وأُمّ إلها يا من هي أكرم من الشروبيم، وأمجد بلا قياس من السرافيم، يا من ولدت الله الكلمة ولَبِثَتْ بتولاً، إنك حقاً والدة الإله. أياك نَعظم.

رسالة الليتارجيا الإلهية

بروكيمنات الرسائل

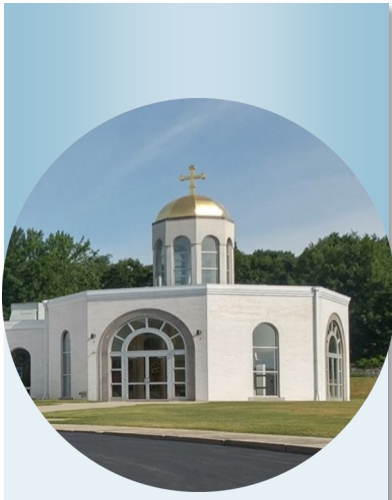
أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ تَحَفُّظْنَا وَتَحْمِينَا، مِنْ هَذَا الْجِيلِ وَإِلَى الدَّهْرِ.

-خَلَّصْنِي يَا رَبُّ فَإِنَّ الْبَارَّ قَدْ فَنِيَ، لِأَنَّ الْحَقِيقَةَ قَدْ ضَعُفَتْ عِنْدَ بَنِي الْبَشَرِ. (لحن 5)

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 11:6-18

يا إخوة، أنظروا بأي حروف كتبت إليكم بيدي! إن جميع الذين يريدون أن يرضوا بخسب الجسد، هؤلاء يلزمونكم أن تختتنوا. وإنما ذلك لئلا يُضطهدوا من أجل صليب المسيح. لأن المَختَونين



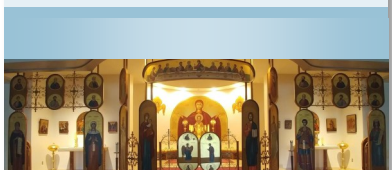


Our church organizations:

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>



do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen. (NRSV)

Alleluia (Tone 5)

Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

Stichon: For you have said, "My kindness is established forever." In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Gospel of the Divine Liturgy -

Luke 16:19-31 (5th Sunday after Holy Cross)

At that time, Jesus told this parable: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

أَنْفُسُهُمْ لَا يَحْفَظُونَ النَّامُوسَ، لَكِنَّهُمْ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَخْتَنُوا لِتَفْتَخَرُوا بِأَجْسَادِكُمْ. أَمَّا أَنَا فَحَاشِيَ لِي أَنْ أَفْتَخِرَ إِلَّا بِصَلِيبِ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بِهِ صُلبَ الْعَالَمُ لِي وَأَنَا صُلبْتُ لِلْعَالَمِ. لِأَنَّهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُ الْخِتَانُ شَيْئًا وَلَا الْقَلْفُ، بَلِ الْخَلِيقَةُ الْجَدِيدَةُ. وَكُلُّ الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ هَذِهِ الطَّرِيقَةَ، عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ وَالرَّحْمَةُ وَعَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ اللَّهِ. فَلَا يُعْنِي أَحَدٌ فِي مَا بَعْدَ، لِأَنِّي حَامِلٌ فِي جَسَدِي سِمَاتِ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ. نِعْمَةُ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ مَعَ رُوحِكُمْ أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ. آمِينَ

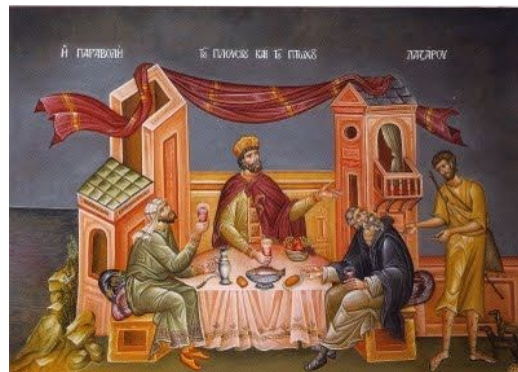
هَلْلُوِيَاتِ الْإِنْجِيلِ

بِمَرَايِمِكَ يَا رَبُّ أَرْنُفُ لَكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، إِلَى جِيلٍ فَجِيلٍ أَعْلِنُ حَقَّكَ بِقَمِي.

-لِلْآنْكَ قُلْتَ: إِنَّ الرَّحْمَةَ تُبْنِي إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، وَفِي السَّمَاوَاتِ يَهَيِّأُ حَقَّكَ. (لحن 5)

إنجيل البتريجا الإلهية

لوقا ١٦ : ١٩ - ٣١ (الأحد الخامس بعد الصليب)
 فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ. كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ غَنِيٌّ يَلْبَسُ الْأَرْجُوَانِ وَالْبُرِّ. وَيَتَنَعَّمُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ تَتَعَمُّ فَاخِرًا * وَكَانَ مِسْكِينٌ أَسْمُهُ لِعَازَرُ. مَطْرُوحًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ مُصَابًا بِالْقُرُوحِ * وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَشْبَعَ مِنَ الْخُبْزِ الَّذِي يَسْقُطُ مِنْ مَائِدَةِ الْغَنِيِّ. بَلْ كَانَتْ الْكِلَابُ أَيْضًا تَأْتِي وَتَلْحَسُ قُرُوحَهُ * ثُمَّ مَاتَ الْمِسْكِينُ فَنَقَلَتْهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ إِلَى حِضْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ. وَمَاتَ الْغَنِيُّ أَيْضًا وَدُفِنَ * فَرَفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ وَهُوَ فِي الْجَحِيمِ فِي الْعَذَابَاتِ. فَرَأَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ وَلِعَازَرَ فِي أَحْضَانِهِ * فَنَادَى قَائِلًا: يَا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ أَرْحَمْنِي. وَأَرْسِلْ لِعَازَرَ لِيَغْمِسَ فِي الْمَاءِ طَرَفَ إِصْبَعِهِ وَيُبْرِدَ لِسَانِي. لِأَنِّي مُعَذَّبٌ فِي هَذَا اللَّهَبِ * فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: تَذَكَّرْ يَا ابْنِي أَنَّكَ بَلْتَ حَيَاتِكَ فِي حَيَاتِكَ. وَلِعَازَرَ كَذَلِكَ بَلَايَاهُ. وَالْآنَ فَهُوَ يَتَعَرَّى وَأَنْتَ تَتَعَذَّبُ * وَفَوْقَ هَذَا كَلِّهِ فَبَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ هُوَّةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ قَدْ أُثْبِتَتْ. حَتَّى إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَجْتَازُوا مِنْ هُنَا إِلَيْكُمْ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ. وَلَا الَّذِينَ هُنَاكَ أَنْ يَعْبُرُوا إِلَيْنَا * فَقَالَ: أَسْأَلُكَ إِذْنًا يَا أَبَتِ أَنْ تُرْسِلَهُ إِلَى بَيْتِ أَبِي * فَإِنَّ لِي خَمْسَةَ إِخْوَةٍ حَتَّى يَشْهَدَ لَهُمْ. لَكِنَّهُ لَا يَأْتُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا إِلَى مَوْضِعِ الْعَذَابِ هَذَا * قَالَ لَهُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: إِنَّ عِنْدَهُمْ مُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءَ فَلْيَسْمَعُوا مِنْهُمْ * قَالَ: لَا يَا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ. بَلْ إِذَا مَضَى إِلَيْهِمْ وَاجِدُ مِنَ الْأَمْوَالِ يَتُوبُونَ * فَقَالَ لَهُ: إِنَّ لَمْ يَسْمَعُوا مِنْ مُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ. فَإِنَّهُمْ وَلَا إِنَّ قَامَ وَاجِدُ مِنَ الْأَمْوَالِ يَفْتَنُونَ *.





Divine Liturgy Intentions



TODAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THR. HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS. COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY MARTYRS, THE WONDERWORKERS & PHYSICIANS, COSMAS & DAMIAN.

4:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **MICHAEL MASSUD (14th Anniv.)** by his wife & Family.
- + **SADIE B. TAGER (2nd Anniv.)** by Joseph & Kathy Massud & Family.
- + **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.
- + **DELORES AGAG TRIA** by Steve & Maryjoan Walsh.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by M/M V. Edward Fayan.
- + **STEVEN KILSEY** by his brother Jeffrey Kilsey.
- + **BARBARA FAGER** by Dr. Gilbert & Mimi Altongy & Family.
- + **ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE** by the Family.
- + **ROSE B. KAHLA** by her brother George Kahla
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **WAYNE LACY** by Elias & Barbara Deeb.
- + **LORICE H. SENNO** by Mrs. Pamela Desmarais.
- + **ZAAL ABOU-LAIL** by her friends.

11:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **ALBERT ALBA, SR. (40 Day)** by his wife & children.
- + **REV. ALBERT AZRAK** by Mrs. Gloria Deckey & Family.
- + **PETER MASHATA** by Eugenie Mashata & Family.
- + **GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL** by the Aleppian Aid Society & Ladies' Auxilliary.
- + **MR. SAMUEL G. RAHEB** by the Family.
- + **MR. FREDY RAHEB** by M/M Michael & Lina Raheb & Family.
- + **STEVE SARKIS** by Kyle & Marianna Mardo.
- + **MARY WAKIM TAHHAN** by Bishara Tahhan & Family.
- + **JOSEPH P. AZAR, JR** by M/M Norman Kishfy.
- + **YOUSEF AGHIA** by Kawsar Boudjouk.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **GEORGE BOUDJOUK** by Irene Balon.
- + **ALBERT J. KISHFY** by Daad Shabo.
- + **GEORGE DECKEY** by M/M Thomas Sabbagh.
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by Jane Hanna.
- + **YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by Najat Khoury Madour.
- + **ROSE KHOURY** by Dr. & Mrs. Roland Ghanem.
- + **JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by the Family.
- + **ELIAS J. KISHFY** by Vincent & Barbara Soucar.
- + **YOUSSEF MADOUR** by Dn. Dr/ Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **FRANCIS A. SAGGAL** by Maryjoan & Steve Walsh.
- + **MARK HADDAD** by M/M Wayne Rawan & Family.
- + **MARJORIE & ANTHONY TAGER** by the Family.
- + **HOLY & FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY** by M/M Joseph Saggal.



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.





ST. BASIL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: Oct. 25, 2020: Budgets: \$1,777.00: Envelopes: \$1,767.00, Loose: \$10.00; Building Fund: \$35.00; Melkite Support: \$362.00; Stipends: \$265.00;; Candles: \$67.00; Add'l Cemetery: \$25.00.

Next Weekend, Nov. 7 & Nov. 8, 2020, there will be a special collection taken up for the UPKEEP, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE CEMETERY. Please be as generous as you can, and we thank you for your continued support in providing a peaceful resting place for our beloved deceased.

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 face book page and on you-tube.

POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY: Tuesday, November 3rd, is ELECTION DAY. One of our most cherished possessions, as American Citizens, is the power to vote. Through this right, we take an active part in shaping the values and attitudes of our nation. To take this active part, to vote, our Bishops remind us, is a responsibility not to be taken lightly. Better understand the issues and candidates' platform and inform your conscience. How you vote, dear friends, is a matter which lies between you and the Lord. The Church, can, however, be helpful in helping to see that you indeed cast a vote based on impartial and informed discussion.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: In the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus in today's Gospel, Our Lord warns us that the time to act with mercy and generosity is NOW – before it is too late. Let us open our hearts and hands to the needs of our Melkite brothers and sisters. If you have not already done so, respond now with generosity to Christ's call by giving a gift today, no matter how big or small it may be, to the Bishop's Appeal. Our Parish goal is \$20,000.00, and we must reach it. Remember, it was obligatory to contribute to the Roman Catholic Diocese in the past when we were under their jurisdiction. We must continue this chain of contribution to our Melkite Diocese. Give joyfully from the heart for "God loves a cheerful giver." Thank you for your generosity.

REFLECTION: The wise understand by themselves; fools follow the reports of others.

MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: The three Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist are always celebrated together in one ceremony. One month notice is required and one baptismal preparation meeting is required with the pastor.

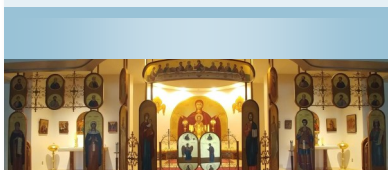
MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSIONS: In one way or another, we have neglected God. None of us have lived a perfect life. No matter what we have done, we can always return home. Available weekly one hour before the Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING: Six month notice, an initial meeting with the priest, marriage preparation sessions are required. You must be an active member of the parish.

MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING: Available for anyone who is ill. Please contact Fr. Ephrem.

IN GOOD STANDING: For your Pastor to sign letters of recommendation, family and student school related papers, character reference or any civil document for a registered parishioner, one must be in good standing with the Church, spiritually and giving noticeable TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE on a regular and continuing basis to our parish.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no charge for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments). However, it is appropriate to offer a gift of thanksgiving. Following are the suggested offerings to the Church for parishioners who request pastoral services. Liturgy \$10.00; 40-Day Memorial \$35.00; Baptism \$75.00; Wedding \$300.00; Funeral \$300.00.



The Story of a Missed Opportunity

WOULD WE BE AFFECTED if someone rose from the dead? We would probably say “Yes,” but the Lord says “No.” What does He know that we don’t?

Throughout the centuries, and even today, many people have what might be called mystical experiences. They see visions and dream dreams, to quote the Prophet Joel. Thus St Paul experienced the risen Christ on the road to Damascus and it changed his life. Similarly, St Peter and the other disciples encountered Christ risen from the dead and proclaimed it throughout the world. These experiences energized their ministries and jump-started the spread of the Gospel throughout the ancient world.

Such experiences continued throughout Christian history, right up to our own day. One well-known Christian thinker in the modern world, the Russian Orthodox bishop in London, Metropolitan Anthony Bloom (1914-2003) described his encounter with the Lord in these words: “I met Christ as a Person at a moment when I needed Him in order to live, and at a moment when I was not in search of Him. I was found; I did not find Him.

“I was a teenager then ... I could not accept aimless happiness. Hardships and suffering had to be overcome; there was something beyond them. Happiness seemed to be stale if it had no further meaning ... I decided that I would give myself a year to see whether life had a meaning, and if I discovered it had none, I would not live beyond the year. I had no use for Church. I did not believe in God.”

He describes what happened: “I expected nothing good from my reading, so I counted the chapters of the four Gospels to be sure that I read the shortest, not to waste time unnecessarily. And thus it was the Gospel according to St Mark which I began to read.

“I do not know how to tell you of what happened. I will put it quite simply and those of you who have gone through a similar experience will know what came to pass. While I was reading the beginning of St Mark’s Gospel, before I reached the third chapter, I became aware of a Presence. I saw nothing. I heard nothing. It was no hallucination. It was a simple certainty that the Lord was standing there and that I was in the presence of Him whose life I had begun to read with such revulsion and such ill-will... This was my basic and essential meeting with the Lord. From then I knew that Christ did exist.”

What was different about these people, compared to the brothers of the rich man in Christ’s parable?

Why “Few Are Chosen”

The Apostles were religious people; they observed the precepts of Judaism as practiced in their day. Others were contemptuous of religion and had ridiculed it. Yet somewhere deep inside them was a search for meaning, a hidden disposition to faith, even if they were not practicing any religion at the moment. Thus when these momentous experiences took place, they received them wholeheartedly and changed their entire way of life.

People who have no interest in God or in any kind of an interior life, who are content pursuing a materialist way of life might easily shrug off a spiritual experience as some kind of delusion. They might blame it on a touch of the flu or having too much to drink.



Similarly the rich man’s brothers in the parable may have paid lip service to the Scriptures, but the focus of their lives was far from the things of God. They would not even have heard a voice from the dead.

Christ’s Alternative

A parable is a story with a moral, not a detailed history of an event. In this case, as in most, the moral is found at the end of the story. When the rich man in the parable asks Abraham to send Lazarus to shake up his brothers, Abraham says, “*They have*

Moses and the prophets: let them listen to them” (Luke 16:29). In other words, they have the Scriptures – what we call the Old Testament – as their means of discerning the mind of God for them.

This saying, of course, is directed at us – it is the moral of the story. We are meant to base our faith on the mystery of Christ as revealed in the Scriptures rather than on some fantasy that the Holy Virgin or an angel might visit us. Just as our daily life must be based on something more practical than a hope of winning the lottery, so our Christian life must have the solid foundation of the Word of God to us.

We have not only the Law and the prophets, but the Gospels and Epistles. We have the witness of Christ and the apostles, the testimony of the martyrs and the ascetics. We have the power of the holy mysteries, the words of our liturgical texts and the unspoken voice of the holy icons. These are the voice of the Lord to us – let us hear them in faith.

A Missed Opportunity

When people think about violating God’s law, they think about sins of commission: doing something prohibited like stealing, harming another, or the like. We often forget that sins of omission – things that we neglect to do – are often even more damaging.

The rich man in Christ’s parable is not accused of any sin of commission. He is not blamed for being rich any more than Lazarus is praised for being poor: in itself, having money is not a sin. We are not told how he made his money. He is not accused of defrauding people as Zacchaeus claimed to have done. The only thing he is accused of is not giving alms.

The poor man, Christ says, lay at the rich man’s gate, hoping for scraps. It may be easy to ignore a panhandler on the street; it is not so easy to ignore him when he is at your doorstep day after day. Yet this is what the rich man did. He did not overlook abstract appeals from far-away charities; he passed by a flesh-and-blood person in need on his own doorstep, “the living creature,” as St John Chrysostom describes him, “for whom God cares.”

The rich man in Christ’s parable may have felt that he needed every scrap he had acquired, but as St John Chrysostom affirmed, he did not know what he needed it for: “If a person enjoys luxury in moderation and distributes the rest to the stomachs of the poor, then his wealth does him good. But if he is going to give himself up to luxury and profligacy, not only does it not help him at all, but it even leads him down to the great pit. That is what happened to this rich man” (*On Wealth and Poverty*).

تأمل في مثل الغني و لعازر

يتذمرون ويكفرون بالله ويلومونه ، كما أننا نرى الكثير من الأغنياء يقدمون أنفسهم ومالهم من أجل مساعدة إخوتهم . (طوبى للفقراء بالروح) يقول الرب ، وليس للفقراء بالجسد ، وفقراء الروح هو من يستغنون عن أنانيتهم وينطلقون نحو الآخر ، هم من لا يساوون المال برب المال .

راحته الحقيقية . أما الغني مات ودفن وانتهى الموضوع . موت لعازر كان ربح له ، أما موت الغني فكان موت حقيقي ونهاية لحياته المرفهة والتي لم تكن تتسع لأخيه المحتاج . موت لعازر كان لقاءً بالله ، أما موت الغني فكان انفصال عنه .

ونرى الغني المسكين يتعذب من هذا الانفصال فيستجدي أباه ابراهيم أن يرسل له لعازر كي يبذل طرف إصبعه في الماء ويبرد لسانه . ولماذا لعازر بالتحديد ؟؟ ذلك لأننا نحمل تاريخنا بين أيدينا ونحن راحلون عن هذا العالم . والدليل جواب ابراهيم : "تذكر يا ابني ، أنك نلت نصيبك من الخيرات في حياتك ، ونال لعازر نصيبه من البلاء . وها هو الآن يتعزى هنا وأنت تتعذب هناك" . الغني تمتع بالخيرات ، بعبايا الله ، وحده ، دون أن يلتفت حتى إلى لعازر ، فهو نسي العاطي . أما لعازر وهو مطرح عند باب الغني لم يتذمر ولم يتأفف من حاله ، وبالتالي انتقل إلى حيث لا عذاب ولا ألم ولا جوع ولا ظلم ولا قهر . إنه ينعم بالرفاهية الحقيقية ، وهي الحياة مع الله .

والمشكلة الحقيقية في الهوة التي تفصل بين مكان لعازر ومكان الغني . يوم كان لعازر قرب الغني ، لم يلمحه ولم يهتم له ، والآن انفصال الغني عن الله جعله يدرك أهمية لعازر في حياته .

خاف الغني على أهل بيته ، فتوسل للمرة الثانية ابراهيم أن يرسل لعازر إلى بيت أبيه . يا لأهميتك يا لعازر !!

لو ادرك الغني أهمية لعازر لما أهمله . أهمية لعازر تكمن في احتياجه ، في بؤسه ، لأنه طريق الغني إلى السماء . تقول الأم تريزا : " سوف ندرك في السماء ما قدمه الفقراء لنا ، لأنهم طريقنا إلى قلب الله " . هذه هي أهمية لعازر ، كان يمكن للغني أن يلتفت إليه ويشاركه بنعمة الله ، ولكنه فضل أنانيته .

إذاً المقياس ليس الفقر أو الغنى ، المقياس هو مدى اهتمامنا ببعضنا البعض . هناك الكثير من الفقراء الذين



تأمل في مثل الغني ولعازر

حتى يومنا هذا ، ما زال البعض يعتبر أن الفقير هو من سينال رضى الله ، والغني هو الذي سيلقى خارجاً . وقد يبدو للبعض أن الله لا يحب الأغنياء أو لا يريدنا أن نستمتع بماننا وبحياتنا . وهذا منطق غريب ، لا بل غير مقبول !! لأن كل ما نملكه هو عطية الله ، والمال هو عطية الله ، فلماذا لا نستمتع به ونترفعه ؟؟ لا بل إن لم نفعل ذلك فنحن جاحدون وناكرون لنعمة الله... ولكن ، المطلوب ونحن نستمتع بالعطية ، ألا ننسى العاطي ، ولا نردل أخانا المحتاج . يقول القديس برنارد : " إن لم تساعد أخاك الفقير ، فأنت تسلبه حقه وتقتله " .

هذا النص الذي بين أيدينا ، وإن تعمقنا فيه وذهبنا إلى ما بعد الحرف ، سوف نفهم تماماً قصد الله من الغنى والفقر .

أولفت بداية في هذا النص ، هو ذكر اسم الفقير "لعازر" وعدم ذكر اسم الغني . وهذا الغني المرفه ، المتمتع بغناه ، كان يبخل على لعازر ، حتى بالفضلات . المسكين لعازر ، لم يكن يطلب الكثير ، بل كان يشتهي الفضلات ، ولم يذكر لنا كاتب الإنجيل أنه كان يتذمر أو ما شابه . وكانت الكلاب تشفق عليه أكثر من الغني فتلحس قروحه .

وما تذمر لعازر ، ومات فنقلته الملائكة إلى أحضان ابراهيم . موت لعازر ، هو انتقال إلى السماء ، حيث

غانا ليس مرتبطاً بالمال ، وإنما بمقدار ما نجعل من يسوع المسيح محوراً لحياتنا . وجوده في حياتنا ، كنز حقيقي ، نعرف منه ولا ينتهي ، كما لا يمكننا الاحتفاظ به واحتكاره ، لأنه كنز يفيض ويفيض وإن لم نفيضه على الآخر لن نشعر بقيمته . قلوبنا مركز غانا ، فحيث هو قلبنا هناك كنزنا . ومن اختبر وجود يسوع في حياته ، اختبر الغنى الحقيقي ، فنحن وكأنا فقراء ولكننا نملك كل شيء .


الله يحب الجميع ، وأرادنا أن نعيش المحبة ، وأن نتشارك عطايه ، والفقر موجود في هذا العالم لأننا لا نتشارك نعم الرب . لأخي حق علي ومن واجبي أن أشاركه بنعم الله . لا أساعده بدافع الشفقة ، وإنما أعطيه حقه ، ولأنني أرى يسوع فيه . " ارى الله في كل انسان . عندما أغسل جراح إنسان ، أشعر بأنني أداوي الله نفسه . أليست تجربة جميلة؟" (الأم تريزا) .

فلنلتفت إلى بعضنا البعض ، ولنهتم ببعضنا البعض ، فنحن إخوة بالدم ، دم يسوع المسيح . ولتكن قلوبنا منفتحة على الكنز الحقيقي يسوع المسيح كي لا تتسع الهوة بيننا وبينه . فكلما ابتعدنا عنه ابتعدنا عن الإخوة .



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب Galatians 6:11-18 Luke 16:19-31	2 St Akindinos and his companions 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Luke 11:29-33	3 Sts Acepsimas, Joseph and Aethalas 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10 Luke 11:34-41	4 St Hermias 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Luke 11:42-46	5 Sts Galaction and Episteme 1 Thessalonians 2:9-14 Luke 11:47-12:1	6 St Paul the confessor of Constantinople 1 Thessalonians 2:14-20 Luke 12:2-12	7 Thirty-two Martyrs of Melitene 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Luke 9:1-6
8 Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel 7th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد السابع بعد عيد الصليب Hebrews 2:2-10 Luke 8:41-56	9 St Matrona 1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8 Luke 12:13-15,22-31	10 St Orestes 1 Thessalonians 3:8-13 Luke 12:42-48	11 St Theodore the Studite 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 Luke 12:48-59	12 St John of Alexandria 1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:1-10 Luke 13:1-9	13 St John Chrysostom James 5:10-20 Luke 4:22-30	14 St Philip the Apostle Acts 8:26-39 John 1:43-51
15 8th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثامن بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 2:14-22 Luke 10:25-37	16 St Matthew the Apostle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:9-13	17 St Gregory of Neo-Caesarea 2 Thessalonians 1:10-2:2 Luke 14:25-35	18 Holy Martyrs Plato and Romanos 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Luke 15:1-10	19 Holy Prophet Obadiah 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5 Luke 16:1-9	20 Preparation of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 Luke 16:15-18,17:1-4	21 The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple دخول السيدة إلى الهيكل Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
22 9th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد التاسع بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 4:1-7 Luke 12:16-21,8:8	23 St Amphilochios 1 Timothy 1:1-7 Luke 17:20-25	24 St Clement of Rome 1 Timothy 1:8-14 Luke 17:26-37, 18:8	25 Leave-taking of the Entrance of the Theotokos Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34	26 St Nikon the Preacher of Repentance 1 Timothy 3:1-13 Luke 18:31-34	27 St James the Persian 1 Timothy 4:4-8,16 Luke 19:12-28	28 St Stephen the Latter Galatians 3:8-12 Luke 10:19-21
29 13th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثالث عشر بعد عيد الصليب Ephesians 5:8-19 Luke 18:18-27	30 St Andrew the Apostle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 1:35-51	Liturgical Symbols:  Abstain from meat  Church Major Feasts  Fast from midnight until noon  Lenten Season				

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.

FOLLOWING JESUS—KIDS BULLETIN

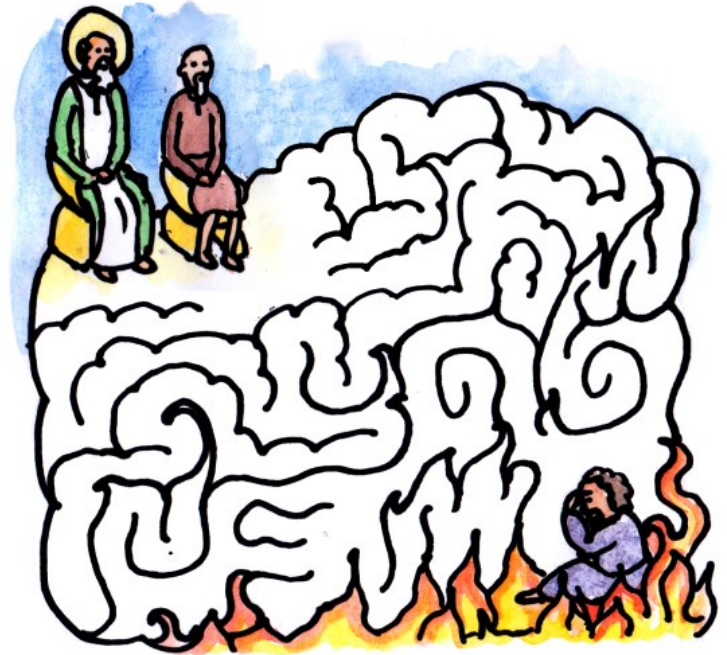


Lazarus and the Rich Man

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and a poor man. While they were alive, the rich man had everything he wanted. He feasted every day and was never hungry. Meanwhile Lazarus, the poor man, lay in the rich man's gate, always hungry and sick. Even the dogs came to lick the sores on his body.

Once the men died everything changed. The rich man went to Hell. He got what he deserved for thinking only of himself while he was alive. Lazarus, on the other hand, went to be with Abraham in Heaven. He had suffered so much while he was alive, but now he was perfectly happy.

The rich man wanted a drop of water to cool his tongue but Lazarus couldn't help him. He found out what happens if you only think about getting the best for yourself. What does this story make you want to do for the poor and suffering people around you?



*In today's Gospel reading the rich man asks
Abraham to send Lazarus to him
with a drop of cool water.
But can Lazarus cross between
Heaven and Hell?
See if the maze will let him cross.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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
Saturday 2:30 - 3:30 P.M. and Sunday 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.



**"GOD LOVES THE
CHEERFUL GIVER"**
2 COR 9:7

Donations are greatly appreciated especially during this pandemic crisis. Please click on the link below to donate.

Thank you and God bless you and yours.

Click here for donations <https://bit.ly/32BgjtB>

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St. Basil The Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church

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for Church news and updates at**
www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com

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<https://www.facebook.com/StBasilMelkiteChurchRI/>

YouTube
<https://bit.ly/2VJgvnS>

Contact us for information and ideas
office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com

"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)

اذكرني في ملكوتك

أدعوكم إلى القداس الإلهي

من اجل الراقيدين على رجاء القيامة

في الأربعاء الأخير من كل شهر الساعة 6:30 مساءً



St Basil the Great Church is sponsoring a \$10,000 Raffle!

Due to the COVID-19 virus, Saint Basil's Church is unable to hold any of its annual fund raisers and has had to get creative.

We are sponsoring a raffle giving away \$10,000 in prizes:

- 1st: drawing for \$5,000.
- 2nd: drawing for \$2,500.
- Two \$500 drawings.
- Fifteen \$100 drawings.



Drawing will be held the weekend of December 26, 2020 with only two hundred (200) tickets to be sold at \$100 each.

For tickets or more information please contact:

- Sandra (Elias) Longtin, 401-617-8433
- Christine (Tahan) Durnin 401-474-5805.

Thank you for your continued support.

COVID-19 Updates

AS WE GATHER

please note the following



REMAIN AT HOME IF...

Remain at home and self isolate if you are feeling sick. Please use the self-assessment tools at www.alberta.ca before attending.



PHYSICAL DISTANCE

Maintain physical distancing of 2 metres (6 ft) between people who are not from the same household, at all times.



WEAR A MASK

Wear Non-Medical Mask. Sanitize your hands before and after wearing or adjusting your mask.



SANITIZE

Please sanitize your hands before entering or exiting the church. Sanitizing stations are available in the church.



CHILDREN

Children should remain with their parents or guardians at all times.



General Guidelines

- ❖ Temporary maximum capacity is 150 Parishioners!
- ❖ IF you are sick, have been identified to be in a high-risk group or are over the age of 65 PLEASE stay home!
- ❖ A Face Covering is **REQUIRED** at all times once you enter the Church.
- ❖ Parishioners must Enter from the main glass doors by the fountain and Exit from baptistry doors.
- ❖ Prior to entering all visitors will have their temperature taken. Your temperature must be BELOW 100 degrees Fahrenheit to enter.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be available- You are encouraged to use it when you are not able to properly wash your hands.
- ❖ Collection boxes will be at the entrance of the church, baskets will NOT be circulated during the liturgy.
- ❖ We are suspending the use of Liturgy books and printing of bulletins.
- ❖ Please follow the signs and direction of the ushers during Communion.
- ❖ Congregating of ANY kind will not be allowed!

Family Seating Guidelines

- ❖ Upon request, we will make every effort to seat family members who live in the same home together.
- ❖ You must arrive as a family in order to sit together.
- ❖ We will NOT hold seats for late arriving family members.
- ❖ ALL seats will be assigned by the ushers
- ❖ Once seated, your seat CANNOT be moved.

Phase III Revised: Picking Up Speed

Public health guidance must still be followed: Mask-wearing, social distancing, sanitation and screening are key to stopping the spread of COVID-19. Setting-based public health protocols (table spacing, etc.) from Phase II remains in effect for Phase III.

	Social gatherings	Public events and venues of assembly	Other places of public interaction (businesses, cultural institutions, outdoor recreation)
Examples include	Weddings, parties, networking events	Performances, festivals, religious services	Retail, restaurants, gyms, museums, close-contact business, office-based businesses, parks, beaches
Limits for indoor settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of 15 people Exception: Social gatherings with licensed catering can have 50 people The smaller the group, the lower the risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of 125 people Up to 66% capacity with 6-foot spacing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor venues operating at a percent capacity in phase 2 can increase up to 66% capacity with 6-foot spacing Indoor venues operating at a square footage capacity in phase 2 can increase up to 1 person per 100 square feet with 6-foot spacing
Limits for outdoor settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of 15 people Exception: Social gatherings with licensed catering can have 100 people The smaller the group, the lower the risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of 250 people Plans required above 250. Masks must be worn. Social distance must be maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-foot distancing and all other public health guidance must be followed
Additions to Phase 3 in accordance with above rules		Provided 6-foot spacing is maintained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor and indoor event venues can open at 66% capacity 	Provided 6-foot spacing is maintained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seated venues, including movie theaters, can open at 66% capacity Free-flowing venues, including bowling alleys, arcades, museums and cultural institutions can open at 1 person per 100 square feet

REOPENING RI

Tips for a safer Halloween

Follow these tips to celebrate Halloween safely this year and help lower the chances of catching and spreading COVID-19



Safer activities and trick-or-treating

- **Stay home and do not hand out candy if you have COVID-19 symptoms** or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. Keep your lights off so people know not to come to your door.
- **Keep your group as small as possible.** Limit gatherings to no more than 15 people and stick with the same 15 people.
- **Use hand sanitizer** before and after choosing pumpkins or picking apples.
- **Take it outside.** When celebrating with others, do it outdoors.
- **Remember the three Ws!**
 - ◆ **Wear a mask** that's at least two layers thick and fits snugly but comfortably over your nose, mouth, and chin without any gaps.
 - ◆ **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Or carry and use hand sanitizer that's at least 60% alcohol.
 - ◆ **Watch your distance** by staying at least six feet apart from others.
- **Trick-or-treating tips**
 - ◆ Leave individually wrapped goodie bags lined up at least six feet from your door for kids to grab and go. Do not hand out candy from a bowl.
 - ◆ Go trick-or-treating with your children to make sure they do it safely.

Safe Halloween-themed activities

- Take part in an online pumpkin carving or costume contest.
- Display Halloween-themed decorations in your home or yard.
- Organize a neighborhood contest for outdoor Halloween-themed decorations.
- Plan a Halloween scavenger hunt for the members of your household.
- Decorate your own Halloween or fall-themed face masks.
- Prepare a Halloween-themed meal or bake Halloween treats for your household.

Safe Halloween costume masks

- **A Halloween costume mask alone will not protect you and others from COVID-19.**
- Wearing a costume mask over a protective face covering can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe.
- The safest option is to wear face paints and a Halloween-themed protective face covering.



Find more tips for safely celebrating Halloween, Día de los Muertos, and other holidays at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html

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Wear a mask that protects you and others

Wearing a face covering in public places helps protect you and anyone near you from COVID-19. **Your mask should fit snugly but comfortably over your nose, mouth, and chin without any gaps.**



RECOMMENDED

- **Face mask** worn the right way and at least two layers thick
- * N-95 respirators are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare providers and other first responders



NOT RECOMMENDED

- **Face shield** alone
- **Loose-fitting bandana**
- **Face mask with valve**
- **Face mask** worn the wrong way
- **Neck gaiter** only one layer thick

Always wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask. Wash and dry cloth face coverings after use each day. Learn more about how to handle and care for your mask at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html

Masks should not be worn by children younger than age two, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without help.

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Phase III guidance for fall activities

This guidance provides recommendations for taking part in fall-related recreational and entertainment activities as safely as possible to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Under Phase III of Rhode Island's reopening plan, all people and entities must follow all applicable Rhode Island statutes, [Executive Orders](#), and [regulations](#). General business guidance may be found at reopeningri.com.

General guidance

Face coverings

- All persons must wear a face covering in compliance with [Rhode Island Department of Health \(RIDOH\) regulations](#) and active [Executive Orders](#).
 - All individuals in public or in an establishment shall wear a face covering unless they can easily and continuously stay six feet apart from others.
- A face covering or mask should fit snugly but comfortably over the nose, mouth, and chin without any gaps. For additional information about face coverings, refer to the following resources:
 - [Wear a mask that protects you and others](#)
 - [Frequently asked questions for wearing face masks outdoors](#)
- Masks should not be worn by children younger than age two, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without help.

Physical distancing

- Physical distancing means keeping space between oneself and others when outside of the home to prevent the spread of disease. It includes:
 - Staying at least six feet apart from people outside the same household, unless separated by a physical barrier that prevents people from having direct contact and contact with any droplets from another person's coughing, sneezing, or talking;
 - Not gathering in groups larger than 15 people inside or outside;
 - Staying out of crowded places; and
 - Avoiding mass gatherings.
- Anyone in public or in an establishment should stay six feet apart from others at all times, to the extent possible.
 - When physical distancing is not feasible, people should limit their time of exposure to others the extent possible and must wear a face covering.

Other general guidance

- Outdoor activities are preferred. Open windows or doors, when possible, to improve air flow in indoor spaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol.
- Keep a list of people you come in close contact with each day. A close contact is someone you have been within six feet of for at least 15 minutes.

Indoor and outdoor venues of assembly

Social gatherings (such as weddings, parties, networking events):

- Indoor: limit of 15 people; events with a licensed caterer can have up to 50 people
- Outdoor: limit of 15 people; events with a licensed caterer can have up to 100 people
- The smaller the group, the lower the risk.

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Public events and venues of assembly (such as performances, festivals):

- o Indoor: limit of 125 people, or up to 66% capacity with six-foot spacing between people
- o Outdoor: limit of 250 people, or up to 66% capacity with six-foot spacing between people
- o Organizations are required to submit a plan to the Department of Business Regulation (DBR) for any event at which there will be more than 250 in attendance. [Submit the plan to DBR online](#) or use the [Event Template: COVID-19 Control Plan](#).

Other places of public interaction (such as retail, restaurants, gyms, museums, close-contact business, office-based businesses, parks, beaches):

- Indoor venues operating at a percent capacity in a previous phase can increase up to 66% capacity while keeping six-foot spacing between people.
- Indoor venues operating at a square footage capacity in a previous phase can increase to up to one person per 100 square feet while keeping six-foot spacing between people.

Sector activity guidance

Halloween and COVID-19

- For safer ways to celebrate Halloween during COVID-19, see [Tips for a Safer Halloween](#).

Farmer's markets and agri-tourism

- Activities may include *corn mazes, hay rides, farm tours, and pumpkin or apple picking*.
- Vendors and operators selling agricultural and seafood products at farmer's markets, on-farm markets, agri-tourism sites, and pick-your own farms should refer to [Phase III guidelines for farmer's markets, on-farm markets and agritourism, and pick-your-own farms](#).
- Farmer's markets, on-farm markets and agri-tourism, and pick-your-own farms must develop a [COVID-19 Control Plan](#) which shall be available for inspection by the Task Force.

Recreation and entertainment

- Activities may include *historical and cultural sites, such as museums and art galleries; entertainment establishments, such as movie theaters, performing arts venues, and comedy clubs; and spectator sports*.
- Recreational and entertainment establishments and nonstate-owned historical and cultural sites should refer to the [Phase III Guidelines for Recreational, Historical, Cultural, and Entertainment Establishments](#).
- All indoor and outdoor recreational and entertainment establishments that are not venues of assembly, including historic and cultural establishments, must develop a [COVID-19 Control Plan](#) which shall be available for inspection by the Task Force.

Food services

- Activities may include *limited indoor dining in addition to outdoor dining (subject to applicable municipal approval) as well as pick-up, delivery, and drive-through operations*.
- Restaurants, cafeterias, other food service establishments, breweries, distilleries, farmer wineries, and bars should refer to [Phase III Guidelines for Restaurants](#).
- All restaurants operating in Phase III must develop a [COVID-19 Control Plan](#) which shall be available for inspection by the Task Force.

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