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Divine Liturgy

Winter Schedule Begins This week

Saturday: 9:00 AM Sunday: 11:15 AM

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Reconciliation

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

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

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



ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



5th Sunday After the Holy Cross

الاحد الخامس بعد رفع الصليب

Troparion of the Resurrection (6th tone)

The angelic powers were around Your tomb, and the guards became as dead, and Mary stood at the tomb, seeking Your spotless body; Then You despoiled Hades without being tried by it, and You met the Virgin O Bestower of life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You!

Troparion of St Basil

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

Kondakion,

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

نشيد القيامة باللحن السادس

إن القوات الملائكية ظهرتْ على قبرك، والحراس صاروا كالأموات، ومريم وقفتْ عند القبر، طالبةُ جسدكَ الطاهر. فسلبتَ الجحيمَ ولم تنلكَ بأذى، ولاقيت البتول واهباً الحياة. فيا من قام من بينِ الاموات، يا رب المجدُ لك.

طروباربة القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاعَ منطقُكَ في كل الأرض. فانها قد قَبِلَتْ كلامك، الذي به بيَّنت العقائدَ بياناً الهيّاً، وأوضحتَ طبيعةً الكائنات، ونظَمتَ أخلاقَ البشر. فيا أيها الآبُ البارُّ ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

نشيد الختام (القنداق) باللحن الثاني

يا نصيرة المسيحيين التي لا تُخزى، ووسيطتهم الدائمة لدى الخالق، لا تعرضي عن أصواتِ الخطأة الطالبين اليكِ. بل بما انكِ صالحة، بادري الى معونتنا، نحن الصارخين اليكِ بإيمان: هلمي الى الشفاعة، وأسرعي الى الابتهال، يا والدة الالهِ المحامية دائماً عن مكرمك.



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: Fifth Sunday After the Holy Cross, Eph. 2:4-10

PROKIMENON: Ps.27: 9, 1 (Tone 6)

O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance! Stichon: To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf

to me

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, by reason of His very great love with which He has loved us even when we were dead by reason of our sins, brought us to life together with Christ, and you have been saved by grace. [God] raised us up together, and enthroned us together in heaven in Christ Jesus, so that He might show in future ages the overflowing riches of His grace, through His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace, you have been saved through faith: and that, not on your own, for it is God's gift, and not the result of work which might have been a pretext for anyone to boast. For we are His workmanship, we who were created in Christ Jesus through good works which God has pre-planned so that we could walk in them.

ALLELUIA: Ps.90: 1, 2 (Tone 6) He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High abides in the shadow of the God of heaven. Stichon: He will say to the Lord, "My wall, my refuge, my God in whom I will trust!"

Gospel of the 5th Sunday after Holy Cross, Luke 16: 19-31 (The Rich Man & Lazarus)

At that time, the Lord told this parable; "there was certain rich man who used to clothe himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted every day in splendid fashion. And there was certain poor man, named Lazarus, who lay at his gate, covered with sores, and longing to be filled with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. And it came to pass that the poor man died and was borne away by the angels into Abraham's bosom; but the rich man also died and was buried in hell. And lifting up his eyes, being in torments, he saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham have pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember you in your lifetime have received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now here he is comforted whereas you are tormented. And besides all that, between us and you a great gulf is fixed, so that those who wish to pass over from this side to you cannot, and they cannot cross from your side to us.' And he said, 'Then, father, I pray you to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they too come into this place of torments.' And Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' But he answered. 'No father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not believe even if someone rises from the dead."



مقدمة الرسالة

بروكيمنات الرسائل

خَلِّص يا رَبُّ شَعبَكَ، وَبارِك ميراثَك. -إِلَيكَ يا رَبُّ أَصِرُح، إِلَهي لا تَتَصامَم عَنَى. (لحن 6)

رسالة القدّيس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 2: 4-10

يا إِخوَة، إِنَّ اللهِ لِكُونِهِ غَنِيًّا بِالرَّحمَةِ، مِن أَجلِ كُثِرَةِ
مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنا بِها، وَحينَ كُتا أَمواتًا بِالرَّلاَتِ أَحيانا مَعَ
المَسيح، فَإِنَّكُم بِالنِّعمَةِ مُخَلَّصونَ، وأَقامَنا مَعَهُ وَأَجلَسَنا
مَعَهُ فِي السَّماواتِ في المَسيح يَسوعَ، لِيُظهرَ في الدُّهورِ
المُستَقبَلَةِ فَرطَ غِنى نِعمَتهِ، بِاللُّطفِ بِنا في المَسيح
يسوع. فَإِنَّكُم بِالنِّعمَةِ مُخَلَّصونَ، بِواسِطَةِ الإيمان. وَذَلِكُ
ليسَ مِنكُم، وَإِنَّما هُوَ عَطِيَّةُ الله. وَليسَ مِنَ الأَعمالِ لِقُلاً
يَفقَخِرَ أَحَدُ، لِأَنَّا نَحنُ صُنعُهُ، مَخلوقينَ في المَسيح
يَسوعَ لِلأَعمالِ الصّالِحَةِ، الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللهُ فَأَعَدُها لِنَسلُكَ
يَعها.

هلّلوبَّات

أَلسَاكِنُ فِي كَنَفِ اَلعَلِيّ، يُقيمُ فِي حِمى إِلَهِ السَّماء. -يَقولُ لِلرِّبّ: أَنتَ ناصِري وَمَلجَأْي، إِلَهي اَلَّذي عَلَيهِ أَتَوَكَّل. (لحن 6)

الاحد الخامس بعد الصليب

(لوقا 16: 19-31)

في ذلك الزمان، كان انسانٌ غنيٌ يَلبَسُ الارجوانَ وَّالبِّرْ، وبتنعَّمُ كلَّ يوم تَنعُّماً فا خراً. وكان مِسكينٌ اسمهُ لعازر مطروحاً عند بابه مصاباً بالقُروح. وكان يشتهى أن يشبَعَ منَ الفُتاتِ الذي يسقُطُ من مائدةِ الغنيّ، ولم يُعطِهِ أحد، بل كانتِ الكلابُ أيضاً تأتى وتلحَسُ قروحَه. ثم ماتَ المِسكين، فنقَلتْهُ الملائكةُ الى حضن ابراهيم. وماتَ الغنيُّ ايضاً ودُفن. فرفعَ عينيهِ وهو في الجحيم في العذابات، فرأى ابراهيمَ من بعيدٍ ولعازرَ في احضانهِ. فنادى قائلاً: يا أُبتِ ابراهيمُ ارحَمني، وأرسلْ لعازرَ ليَغمسَ في الماءِ طرفَ إصبعه وبُبرّدَ لساني، لأَني مُعذبٌ في هذا اللهيب. فقال ابراهيم: تَذكُّرْ يا ابنَّي أَنكَ نلتَّ خيراتكَ في حياتِكَ، ولعازرَ كذلك بلاياه. والآنَ فهو يَتعزَّى وأَنتَ تتعذُّب. وفوقَ هذا كلَّه فبينَنا وبينكم هُوَّةٌ عظيمةٌ قد أَثبتَتْ، حتى إن الذينَ يريدونَ ان يجتازوا من هُنا إليكم لا يستطيعون، ولا الذينَ هُناكَ أن يَعبُرُوا أَلِينَا. فقال: أَسَأَلُكَ إِذَن يا أَبِتِ أَن تُرسِلهُ الى بيتِ أَبي. فإنَّ لي خمسةَ اخوَة حتى يَشهَدَ لهم، لكيلا يأتوا هُم أيضاً إلى مَوضِع العذاب هذا. فقال له إبراهيم: انَّ عندهم مُوسِّي والأَنبياء، فلْيَسمَعوا منهم. قال: لا يا أبتِ ابراهيم، بلْ إذا مضى. إليهم واحدٌ من الامواتِ يَتُوبون. فقال له: إِنْ لم يُسمعوا من موسى والأنبياء، فإنهم ولا إن قامَ واحدٌ من الأَموات بقَتَنعون.





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 Allholy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.





Divine Liturgy Intentions

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY MARTYRS GALACTION AND HIS WIFE EPISTEME.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + LOUIS P. MIRZA (50th Anniv.) by his children & their Families.
- + SADIE B. TAGER (5th Anniv.) Daughter, Barbara, Doug & Family.
- + MICHAEL MASSUD (17th Anniv. by wife & Families.
- + WALTER J. LEMAY (Birthday Remem.) by His Wife, Shirley.
- + WILLIAM A. BAKER (33rd Anniv.) by Caroline St. Germain & Family.
- + LISA DUFAULT by Eric Bashour.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + DIAB YOUNES & VICTOR YOUNES by Bassil & Samia Youakim Family.
- + YOUSEF GEORGI DEEB by Farid & Iptesam Dib.
- + ROSE & HOUNEIN KHOURY by Micheline Ghanem.
- + JOHN R. ROWEY by Khalil & Wafaa Hilo.
- + MAGEE MARTINEZ by Alberta Mardo.
- + MICHAEL TAHHAN by Riad & Souhair Khoury.
- + JULIA, FRED, & ELIAS J. KISHFY by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: OCTOBER 29, 2023: Budgets: \$2,907.00 (Envelopes: \$2,815.00, Loose: \$92.00); Candles: \$128.00; Stole Offerings: \$295.00; Building Fund: \$25.00; Addit'l World Mission Sunday: \$38.00; Melkite Diocesan Support: \$292.00; Religious Education Registration: \$50.00; Addit'l Cemetery; \$14.00.

Father Ephrem has now been here three years and is fully available for parish services. Just email him at office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com and leave him your message. PLEASE! NO GRATUITIES! A cup of coffee or tea is just fine. He looks forward to in-person contact.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who is planning an ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS is kindly requested to notify a member of the clergy BEFORE reception/party plans are made. The Clergy may be already scheduled for something else on the day that you have rented a hall/restaurant. Following this policy will help avoid any later misunderstandings/hurt feelings. ANY NEEDS, THOUGHTS, CONCERNS, QUESTIONS, MISUNDERSTANDINGS, SUGGESTIONS, ETC. that you may have, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Clergy or Council immediately, Explanations/Corrections/ Discussions/ Changes will never be made unless all bring these concerns to us. Let us remain the united and caring community that we are.

<u>TIME, TALENT & TREASURE:</u> We are all links in a chain. A chain is as strong as its weakest link! What kind of link are you? Let us make this New Church Year the year that we give more of ourselves in the strengthening of the chain of St. Basil the Great Community. Hopefully, many more will step up in their real understanding of parish membership.

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

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

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

<u>VOCATION VIEW:</u> The rich man in today's Gospel was not evil – he was simply blind and ignorant to the nature of his relationship with God and others. Even Abraham commented on the need for someone to preach firmly the basic truths of the faith. Paul is excited about God's love, salvation and plan for a fuller life for all people, and he wants to share that truth. Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, that we might have messengers to bring us the Good News, and thus live the abundant life the Lord offers.

TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR: Don't forget to turn the clocks BACK one hour next Saturday, November 4th. The actual return to STANDARD TIME BEGINS AT 2:00 A.M. on Sunday morning, November 5th. If you neglect to adjust your time pieces, you may be the earliest bird up and around in your neighborhood. (And you will more than get "to church on time). So, turn back the hour hand, and good sleeping....an extra hour of it. It's been the hour you have been owed since Spring.

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

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

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



Following Jesus Kids bulletin

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.

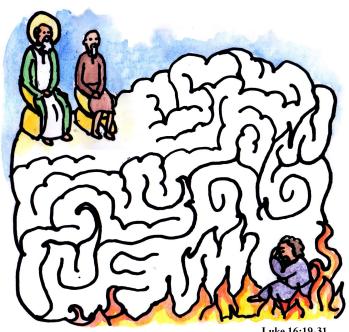
Once the men died everything changed. The rich man went to Hell. He got what he deserved for thinking only of himself while he was alive. Lazarus, on the other hand, went to be with Abraham in Heaven. He had suffered so much while he was alive, but now he was perfectly happy.

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?



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The Kids' Bulletin



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.

وكان غني...وكان فقير اسمه لعازر



حي (إن عطش احد فليقبل إلــٰي ُ ')(يــأخــٰذ مــاء حـِـي مِجانا).لنسـأل أنفسنا هل بأتي للصلاة حين نحتاج فقط ام لإدامة العلاقة مع الله, مع شخص يسوع.انه ينتظـر لِلاتـي إليه, لأجلس معه, فهل ساتركـه ينتظر طويلا. ان ابتعادنا عـن الإنجيل يجعلنا نبتعد عن معرفـة شخص الله في يسوع وبالتالـي کیف سنعرف صفاته, رحمته,

من هم الأغنياء الحقيقيين ؟

إن لعازر كان غنيا في نفسه في شعوره لما ادرك رحمة الله ومـرافـقـة الله له, رضي بما هو عليه لم يحسد الغني على مائدته ولا على لبسه بل اشتهٰی الفتات الساقط من مائدته ولم یتذمر بل سکت صابرا.....يقول النص (مات لعازر وحملته الملائكة ُ إلى حضَن ۖ إبراهيـم وإمــــا الــــغـــني مــــات ودفــــن). واســـــــ المستحصيات المستحصيات المستحص المستحصي المستحصيات المستحد المستحصيات المستحصيات المستحصيات المستحصيات المستحصيات المستحد

وهناك أمر أخر وهو ذكر اسم لعازر ولا يذكر اسم الغني وهـذا يـدل إن يسِوع يعرف خاصته, أبناءه القريبين منه المتواضعين ولا يعرف المتكبرين لأن الله لا ينظِر إلى الناس بحسب اموالهم او عظمتهم وجـمـالـهـم بـل ينظر إلى الأيمان والفضيلة والقلب. فالخلاص إذن لا يتوقف على الغـنـي والفقر لكن على الأيمانِ ونقاوة القلب ومدى ارتباطـه بالله وتسـلـيـم حياتنا لله والسير وفق ارادته وهو ما نسميه الغني الحـقـيـقـي والـذي يحصل على هذا الخلاص يكون غنيا مهما كان فقيرا. فخطيئة هذا الغني ممكن ان تكون خطيئتنا نحن اليوم, خطيئة الإهمال, الجمود, الكسل, غياب المبادرات.يجب إن نشترك ببناء عالمنا ومن حولنا وان نبين اتحادنا مع الله في المشاكل التي تواجهنا بالـنـظـر إلـي من حولنا وما يحتاجون, إن نقوم بمبادرات في مجال حياتنا, إن نشــتـرك مِع الله في خلق شيء جديد, في بناء الملكوت على الأرض, إن نبني انفسنا ونبني الأخر من خلال نشر المحبة.اليوم الوقت مفتوح لـنـتـقـدم إلى الرب لننال الغفران ونكون في حضنه بالتوبة,إن نعي إننا خطاة ونرتمي في حضن الأب الغافر (توبوا فقد اقترب ملكوت الله).إن الله يحبنا وسـوف ينسـى فِي كل مرة نرجع إليه, فلو رجع الغني إلـى الله وراجـع نفسه وحياته لأصبح في حضن الأب.

هل نرى حاجة الآخرين اليوم؟ هل لنا الـرغـبـة فـي إن نـفـرح الاخر؟ هل نستطيع الخروج من ذاتنا ونعطي للاخر وكـيـف؟ إن الطرق كثيرة وعديدة وكل منا حسب إمكانياته ووفق قدراته قـد يكون بإطعام فقير او إعطاء المال او الخدمة التي فـيـهـا نـخـرج من ذواتنا ونعطي للأخر من وقتنا ,من معرفـتـنـا ,الـمـهـم إن نستخدم الوزنات التي أعطانا إياها الرب حينها سنبرى بركة الرب على ما اعطانا من وزنات .

الخطيئة تحدث دون إن تسـبـب للذي يعملها أي صدمة نفسية ولا تبدو بأنهًا خطيئة لأنها ليست موجودة ضمن لائحة الخطايا محبته وكيف سنعيش هذه الأمور مع الآخرين. الأساسية (القتل, السرقة,الزنا)والتي تسبب للإنسان صدمة نفسية تجعل الإنسان يتوب ويرجع طالبا الغفران .ان المثل يوضح موقف الله.فالله لم يُحاسَب الغني علَى أهماله إياه بل على إهماله ۚ لـلُـقـريـب وهنا تظهر أهمية الوصية (أحبب قريبك كنفسك)

وتركها لنرجع تائبين إلى حضن

إن خطيئة الغني انه لم ير الفقير الجالس امام بيته والملئ بالقروح فـي حين يتمتع هو بالملذات والبيت الفخم والسبب في ذلك هو بعده عن الله متمركزا على ذاته لا ينظر لحاجة الاخرين.لقد كـانـت هـذه صِـفـات الفريسِيين الذين اعتبروا الغني دليل رضي الله عليهم, يسوع اوضح لهم بان الفِقير كوفئ والغني عوقب ليس بسبب غناه بل لانانيتـه فـي إستخدام أمواله اذ لم يطعم لعازر الجالس إمام بيته.فالفريسيين تصوروا أنفسهم في منزلة تفوق باقي البشر الأمر الذي جعلهم لا يخضعون لاقوال يسوع (عدد 14)لذا جاءهم يسوع بهذا المثل ليظهر لهم حقيـقـة

إن الغنى كان مظهر من مظاهر الشرف عند الفريسيين ومقياس لقيمة المرء لكن وكما نعرف ان إن شرف الإنسان وقيمته في اخلاقه وفضائله الــُمــوجُــودة ُ فــي مُــعـُـامــلُــتــه ُ لــلآخــريــن. فالغني نظر للفقير نظرة دونية, نظرة السيد للعبد فلم يفكر، أن يعطيه كسرة خبز.انه لم پفهم ان السعادة الحقيقية هـي ان يجعـل غـيـره سعيدا لأنه فاقد الأيمان, فاقد النعمة, فاقد الخلاص.

أما لعازر كان فقيرا مريضا وغير قادر على المشـي ولم ينل مطلـبـه مـن الغني المتمتع بالملذات.لكن الموت جاء على الاثنين فهو نهاية الارتبـاط بالعالم حيث انتقل لعازر من رفقة الكلاب الى رفقة الملائكة وجلس في حض إبراهيم.إنه لم ينل ذلك بسبب فقره بل بسبب صبـره الـجـمـي على مضض الأيام وعدم تذمره كان يعلم أن العناية الإلهية ترعـاه .كـمـاً إن الغني حين انتقل إلى النار ليس بسبب غناه بل قساوة قلبه وعـدم ألاكتراث بصالح الآخرين.فنجاة لعازر وهِلاك الغني متوقفان على عبادة الله بقلب نقي وضمير طاهر.فممكن لأغنى الناس ان يمجد الله فيـنـجـو وممكن للفِقير ان يهين الله ويهلك فعند دخولنا العالم الآتي لا يسال ان كُنا فقراء أم أُغَنياء بل يَسأل فقط عن القداسة التي بدونها لن نرى الرب فالفقير التجا إلى رحمة الله ونال غفران الخطايا إما الغني فأكتفى بالمال واسِتغني عن الله.والاستغناء عن الله والاكتفاء بما دونه خطـيـئـة يرتكبها الأغنياء والفقراء على السواء.

بدأ الغني ألان يطلب (أي التجأ إلى الصلاة)لشدة حاجته إما حين كـان على الأرض لم يكن محتاجا إلى الصلاة وربـمـا كـان يصـلـي الصـلاة التقليدية بكلمات يرددها دون ان يكون لها نفع ومعنى ويتصور انه بـذلـكِ يخلص ويحسب مؤمناٍ.إن الصلاة بمعناها الحقيقي هي الصلـة مـع الله والعلاقة مع شخص لأتعرف بالتدريج عِلى كل صفِاته وأتشبه به شـيـئـا فُشيئاً .فلوَّ كان قد طلب وهو على الأرض المَّاء لأعطيت إليه انهار ماء

The Poor Man Has a Name

The gospel reading for the day gives us the name of the desperately poor and miserable Lazarus, but leaves out the name of the rich man. This detail shows us that God's kingdom is not like worldly kingdoms, not like human society as we know it. For

the kind of wealth that makes people famous in this life counts for noth- treat others, especially those who need our help, attention, and friendanyone will enter the kingdom of God.

No, the point is not that all the rich will be damned and all the poor will be saved. Instead, it is that there are strong and deep temptations associated with focusing on wealth, possessions, and success in this emotion, or sentiment. No, it is a commitment, a sacrifice, an offering of world. For if we love ourselves, our riches, and our status more than God and neighbor, no matter how much or little we have, we will shut ourselves out of the kingdom. The name Lazarus means "One who has been the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself helped," and those whose miserable life circumstances do not encourage for me." Surely, those who live that way will bear witness to the mercy of them to trust in money, power, or success are in a good position to learn Christ by showing that same mercy to other people. that their help is in the Lord, in His mercy and love.

outrageously expensive clothes and had a great feast every day. He must we should plan on giving the money that we save by eating a humble diet have known about the poor beggar Lazarus. He probably stepped over or around him every time he went in or out of his house. Here was a dying a parish for Syrian refugees and needy people in our own community. man, lying on the ground, whose only comfort was the stray dogs who would lick his open sores. All that Lazarus wanted were the crumbs that gy, that we are all able to give: to the sick and lonely who need visitors or fell from the man's table, you might say his garbage. But the rich man was at least a note or a phone call; to children who need tutors and mentors; so greedy and thoughtless that he apparently denied him even that. Our to pregnant women in difficult situations who need our support to help Lord is guite clear about the consequences of such a life. This man them welcome their babies; and to the countless other people in our own showed no mercy; he demonstrated no love for his wretched neighbor. neighborhoods who need God's blessing in their lives in tangible, practical Consequently, he cut himself off from the mercy and love of God.

His eternal suffering shows the reality of what it means to refuse to respond to our calling to live as those created in God's image and likeness. This man would not be like Christ in any way. He showed what he thought of the Lord by treating his neighbor, surely one of "the least of these" who also bore the divine image and likeness, literally like trash. And when he called for mercy from Father Abraham, he made no confession and did no repentance. He cared only for himself and his brothers, and obviously had no concern for obeying Moses and prophets who had made clear the obligation of the Jews to care for the poor.

As we say in the prayers of the Church, we will all need mercy before the judgment seat of Christ. We err, however, if we think of the Lord's mercy as being available only in some arbitrary way at some point in eternity. For we encounter Him every day in our neighbors, especially the poor, wretched, and inconvenient: the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. We participate in His mercy by showing mercy to them. The rich man in the parable shaped himself decisively in unholy ways by his behavior; in contrast, we may shape ourselves decisively in holy ways by our behavior. We never earn God's mercy, but we will ultimately make offerings of our lives to God or to something else. We will either worship and serve Him or ourselves. Perhaps the Lord's eternal judgment will be more a confirmation of who we have become than a shocking decree from out of the blue.

God knows our hearts and we can hide nothing from Him, either today or at any point in the future. Our faith as Orthodox Christians goes

to the heart, to the depths of who we are, but also reminds us that we are always in relationship with other people who are also the children of God. We encounter Him in them. Who we are in relation to Jesus Christ is shown each day of our lives in how we

ing in the next. And the kind of humility, the kind of complete trust in ship, as well as our enemies. A Christianity that ignores "the least of God that the poorest of the poor are in the best position to have, counts these" is not worthy of the name. Every human being is created in the for little in today's world; yet, it is only by that kind of humble trust that image and likeness of God. We bring judgment upon ourselves whenever we treat our neighbors, no matter who they are or how they have offended us, in ways that do not manifest the divine love and compassion.

> Contrary to popular opinion, the Christian life is not about feeling, ourselves to God. As St. Paul wrote, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in

The Nativity or Advent fast starts on November 15 as we prepare to The rich man never learned that lesson, however. He wore only welcome Christ at His Nativity on December 25. During those forty days, to those who do not have the basic necessities of life, as we have done as Think also of the crumbs from our tables, the small bits of time and enerways.

> The hard truth is that, if we are not sharing our lives and blessings with others in some way, we will become just like the rich man who was too caught up with his own pleasure to worry about poor Lazarus. We know where that path leads. The good news is that Christ has shown us a better way which is open to us in every generation, in every walk of life, no matter how rich or poor we are. For the money and power of the world will fade away; they do not last. Only one thing lasts, and that is the selfless love of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ Who has conquered sin and death. And we all have gifts and abilities that may become channels of His blessing and mercy to a world of people like Lazarus, whether their wounds are physical or spiritual or emotional.

> We do not have to save the world; Christ has already done that. We just have to be faithful: to trust, believe, and follow our Savior in how we treat others. He turned no one away empty-handed and neither should we. If we claim His mercy and love for ourselves, we must do likewise for all who bear His image and likeness. We must be Christians not merely in name, but also in how we live, even when it is inconvenient. Then we will become living icons of the salvation that Jesus Christ has brought to a world of sin and death, and the Lazaruses of the world will know that they too are the children of God. And together with them, we will all share in the mercy of a Lord Who raises the dead, heals the sick, feeds the hungry, and makes even the most miserable people guests at His heavenly banquet.

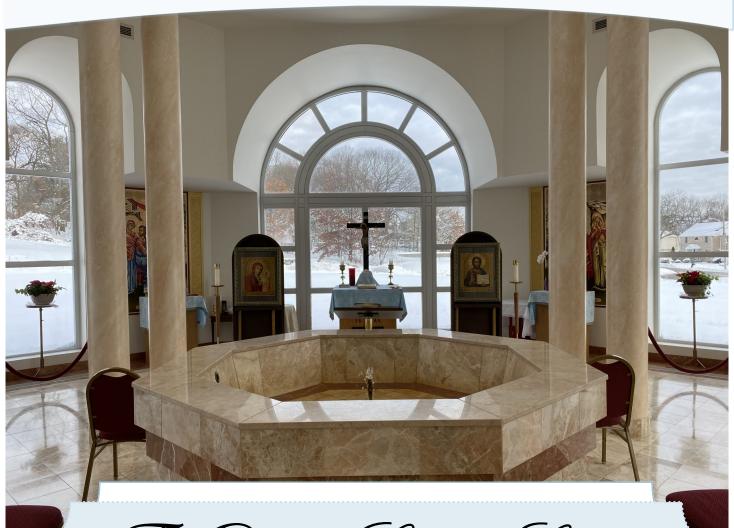
LITURGICAL CALENDAR



NOVEMBER	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3	4
- 3- 3 EPR				Sts Cosmas and Damian	St Akindinos and his companions	Sts Acepsimas, Joseph and Aeithalas	St Hermias
				1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8 Matthew 10:1, 5-8	1 Thessalonians 2:9-14 Luke 11:47-12:1	1 Thessalonians 2:14-20 Luke 12:2-12	2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Luke 9:1-6
تشرين الثاني – نوفمبر	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2023	5 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب	St Paul the Confessor of Constantinople	St Lazaros	Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel محفل مقدس لرؤساء الملائكة	St Matrona 1 Thessalonians 4:18,	St Orestes 1 Thessalonians 5:9-13,	St Theodore the Studite
OCTOBER 2023	Ephesians 2:4-10 Luke 16:19-31	1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8 Luke 12:13-15, 22-31	1 Thessalonians 3:8-13 Luke 12:42-48	Hebrews 2:2-10 Luke 10:16-21	5:1-10 Luke 13:1-9	24-28 Luke 13:31-35	2 Corinthians 11:1-6 Luke 9:37-43
SMTWTFS	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	8 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثامن بعد عيد الصليب	St John Chrysostom	St Philip the Apostle	Sts Gourias, Samonas and Habib	St Matthew the Apostle	St Gregory of Neo-Caesarea	Holy Martyrs Plato and Romanos
29 30 31	Ephesians 2:14-22 Luke 10:25-37	Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16	Acts 8:26-39 John 1:43-51	2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Luke 15:1-10	1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:9-13	2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 Luke 16:15-18,17:1-4	Galatians 1:3-10 Luke 9:57-62
DECEMBER 2023 S M T W T F S	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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31	Ephesians 4:1-7 Luke 12:16-21	1 Timothy 1:1-7 Luke 17:20-25	Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	1 Timothy 1:18-20, 2:8-15 Luke 18:15-17, 26-30	1 Timothy 3:1-13 Luke 18:31-34	1 Timothy 4:4-8,16 Luke 19:12-28	Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34
	26	27	28	29	30		
	13 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثالث عشر بعد عيد الصليب	St James the Persian	St Stephen the Latter	Sts Paramon and Philumenes	St Andrew the Apostle		
	Ephesians 5:8-19 Luke 18:18-27	1 Timothy 5:1-10 Luke 19:37-44	1 Timothy 5:11-21 Luke 19:45-48	1 Timothy 5:22-6:11 Luke 20:1-8	1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 1:35-51		

Fast from midnight until noon

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

Divine Liturgy

Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:15 am

The Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before and after the Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

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Ticket Order Form

All Tickets must be pre-ordered

Please complete this form and mail it to: St. Basil Rectory, 111 Cross St,. Central Falls, RI 02863 Or Place in the Sunday Collection Basket at Church

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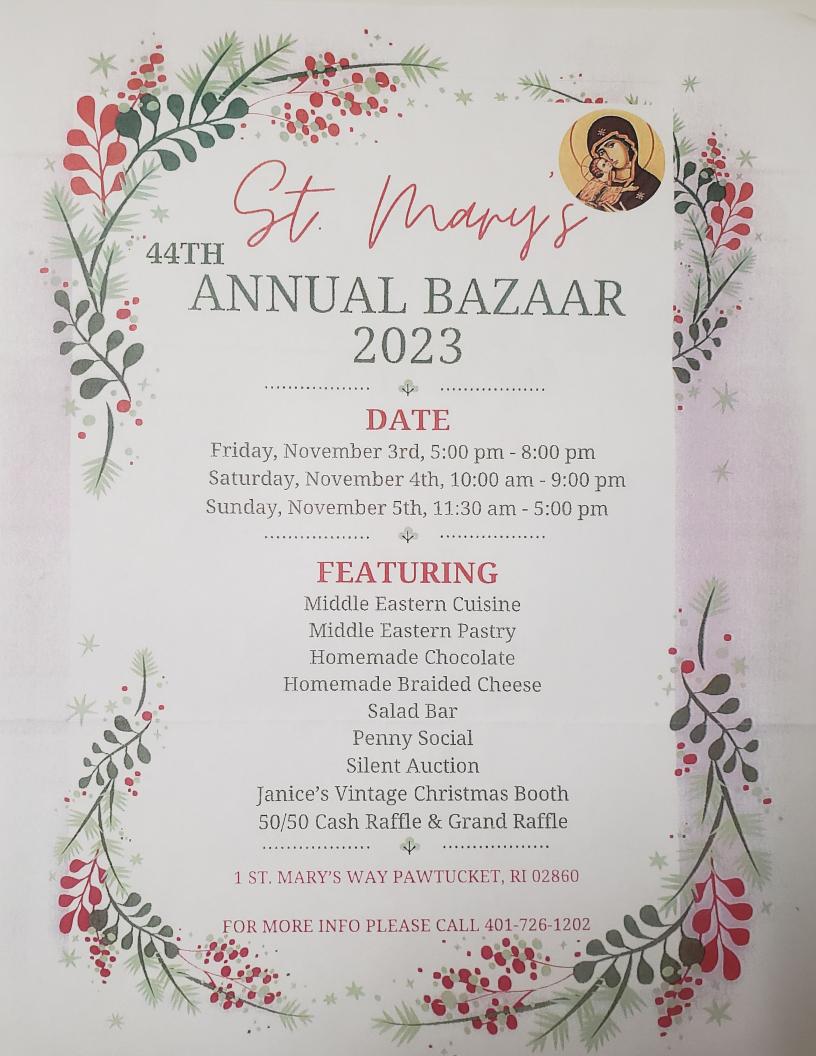
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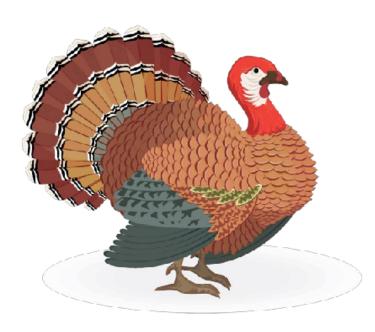
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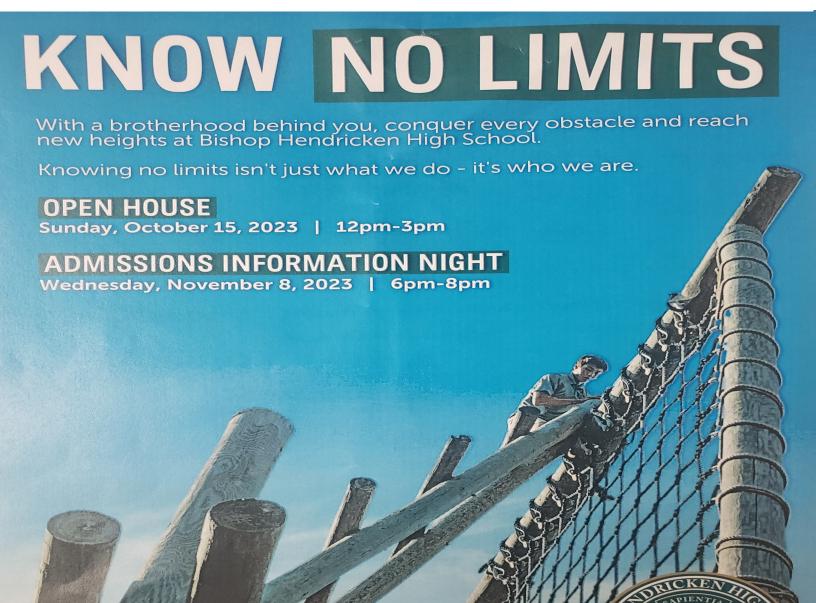
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Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Information Night on Wednesday, November 8th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Information on admissions and financial aid as well as academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8th, 9th or 10th grade students will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 8:30am. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 401.889.5425.

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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$329,240



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 410



Active Families: 200



% of Active Families Participation: 55%

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

Current & Future Projects:



Church Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$321,000.



Rectory Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$18,850.



Church Window Repairs: Project completed, final cost \$9,000. Additional window was found to need repair, awaiting additional estimate.



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000. Boiler does need immediate replacing, awaiting timeframe. HVAC system is okay for now



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), awaiting samples and timeframe.



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



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & HVAC Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning completed, final cost \$9,020



Exterior/Masonry/Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals. Maintenance to mosaic of The Blessed Mother completed, cost \$8,000.



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



Central Air Conditioning and HVAC improvements to Rectory: Project completed, final cost \$56,665.

Important Highlights

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



For more information contact any of the committee members, <u>click here</u>, or scan this code with your Smartphone Camera! Jeff Boudjouk: 401-441-2737 Ann Sabbagh: 508-243-1190

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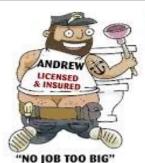
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