



September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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**Holy Mysteries:**

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 3:30–4:30 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.

**Antiphon Prayer**

Christ God, enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit, when You extended Your arms on the Cross, You attracted the whole world to Your knowledge. Illumine us today by its light. Sanctify us by its power. Comfort us by its Exaltation. And make us worthy to partake of Your divine glory. For You are our salvation, O Christ God, and to You we render glory and to Your Eternal Father and Your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Troparion of the Resurrection (8th Tone)**

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

**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.

**صلاة الأنديفوننة**

أيها المسيح الإله، يا من علّق على الصليب حُبًا لنا، طَهَّرنا من خطايانا. وَطَّننا بالإيمان. ثَبَّتْنا بالرجاء. وَأَحْزَمَ نفوسنا بمحبة صليبك، لكي نصبح هياكل لروحك القدوس لأنك أنت نورنا وحياتنا، ولك أن تُخَلِّصنا، أيها المسيح الإله، وإليك نرفع المجد والشكر والسجود، وإلى أبوك الأزلي ورجك القدوس، الصالح والمحيي، الآن وكل أوان...

**نشيد القيامة باللحن الثامن**

انحدرت من العلاء أيها التحنن، وقبلت الدفن ثلاثة أيام، لكي تعتقنا من الآلام، فيا حياتنا وقيامتنا، يا رب المجد لك.

**طروبارية القديس باسيليوس**

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

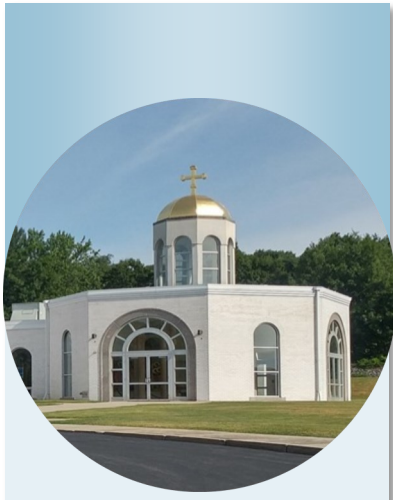
**النشيد لوالدة الإله**

إنه واجب حقاً أن نُعَبِّطَكَ، يا والدة الإله، الدائمة القبضة، والمُزَهَّدة عن كل عيب، وأُمُّ إلهنا يا من هي أكرم من الشروبيم، وأمجد بلا قياس من السرافيم، يا من ولدت الله الكلمة وَلَيْثُتْ بتولاً، إنكِ حقاً والدة الإله. أَيَّاكِ نُعَظِّمُ.

**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 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.

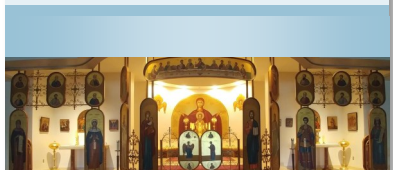
<https://melkite.org/maya>

**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](http://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:** 2 COR 6:16-18; 7:1, Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

#### PROKIMENON (Tone 8)

Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them: let all round about Him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is his name.

#### Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God, as God says, I will be their God and they shall be my people. Wherefore, come out from among them, be separated, says the Lord, and touch not an unclean thing; and I will welcome you in, and will be a Father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord almighty, Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the body and of the spirit, perfecting sanctity in the fear of God.

#### ALLELUIA (Tone 8)

Come; let us rejoice in the Lord!

Let us sing joyfully to God our Savior!

Stichon: Let us greet His presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

#### The Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

At that time Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats moored by the lake, but the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. And getting into one of the boats, the one that was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And sitting down, he began to teach the crowds from the boat. But when he had stopped speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and lower your nets for a catch." And Simon answered and said to him, "Master, the whole night through we have toiled and have taken nothing; but at your word I will lower the net." And when they had done so, they caught a great number of fishes, but their net was breaking. And they called to their comrades in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord," For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had made; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you shall catch men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all and followed him.

#### رسالة الاحد السابع عشر بعد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

أندروا وأوفوا الرب إلهنا. كل الذين حوله يتأتون بهدايا الله معروف في يهوذا. وأسمه عظيم في إسرائيل

2 كورنثس (6: 16 ب الى 7: 1)

يا إخوة، إنكم هيكل الله الحي، كما قال الله: إني سأسكن فيهم واسير فيما بينهم، وكون لهم الها وهم يكونون لي شعباً. فلذلك أخرجوا من بينهم واعتزلوا، يقول الرب، ولا تَمَسُّوا نجساً، فأقبلكم وكون لكم آباء وتكونون أنتم لي بنين وبنات، يقول الرب القدير على كل شيء. واذ لنا هذه المواعيد ايها الاحياء، فلنطهر أنفسنا من كل دنس للجسد والروح، مُكَمِّلِينَ القداسة بمخافة الله.

هلولوا: هلموا نبتعج بالرب ونهليل لله مخلصنا لنبادر الى وجهه بالاعتراف، وبالمزامير نهليل له

#### الانجيل المقدس

لوقا 5: 1 – 11

في ذلك الزمان، بينما كان يسوع واقفاً عند بُحيرة جنيسارات، رأى سفينتين واقفتين عند البحيرة، وقد انحدر منهُمَا الصيادون ليغسلوا الشباك. فركب إحدى السفينتين التي كانت لسمعان، وسأله أن يتباعد قليلاً عن البر، وجلس يعلم الجموع من السفينة. فلما أنجز كلامه قال لسمعان: تقدّم إلى العرَض وألقوا شباككم للصيّد. فأجاب سمعان وقال له: يا معلّم قد تعبنا الليل كله ولم نصب شيئاً، ولكن بكلمتك ألقى الشبكة. فلما فعلوا ذلك حازوا من السمك شيئاً كثيراً، فأخذت شبكتهم تتخزّق. فأشاروا إلى شركائهم الذين في السفينة الأخرى أن يأتوا ليجدهم، فأتوا وملاؤا السفينتين حتى كادتَا تغرقا. فلما رأى ذلك سمعان بطرس خرّ عند ركبتي يسوع قائلاً: أبعد عني يارب، فإني رجل خاطئ. فإن الدهول قد اعتراه هو وجميع الذين معه بسبب صيد السمك الذي أصابوه. وكذلك يعقوب ويوحنا ابنا زبدي اللذان كانا شريكين لسمعان. فقال يسوع لسمعان: لا تخف فإنك من الآن تكون صياداً للناس. ولما بلغوا بالسفينتين إلى البر، تركوا كل شيء وتبعوه.





## Divine Liturgy Intentions



**TODAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020. FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS.**

### 5:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **REV. ALBERT AZRAK** by Mrs. Gloria Deckey & Family.
- + **REGINA KUFFREY (36<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by the Family.
- + **JOHN DURNIN, JR.** by Delores & Loriann Agag.
- + **LORICE H. SENNO** by Elizabeth Tedeschi.
- + **BARBARA FAGER** by Charles & Francine Robat & Family.
- + **ANNIE KOUSSA (Birthday Remem.)** by M/M Frederick Koussa.
- + **ROSE B. KAHLA, MOSES & JENNIE KAHLA** by Mr. George Kahla,
- + **ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE** by the Family.
- + **VINCENT H. CAPALDI, JR.** by Delores & Loriann Agag.
- + **HON. LOUIS E. AZAR, ESQ.** by Anthony & Fadia Rowey.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by Emily Fayan.
- + **SADIE B. TAGER** by Deacon Edmond & Theresa Raheb.
- + **STEVEN KILSEY** by his brother Jeffrey Kilsey.
- + **WAYNE LACY** by Shirley Moon Lemay.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke.
- + **CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke.
- + **LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE** by Uncle Michael, Auntie B., Greg & Katie O'Rourke.
- + **JANE DIOHEP MURRAY** by Douglas & Jeanne Allam.

### 11:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **YOUSSEF AGHIA** by Laila Raheb.
- + **JOSEPH P. AZAR, JR.** by John Alkhoury & Family.
- + **SOUAD & JOSEPH YOUAKIM** by Bassil Youakim & Family.
- + **DIAB YOUNES** by Bassil Youakim & Family.
- + **VICTOR YOUNES** by Bassil Youakim & Family.
- + **ROSE KHOURY** by Dr. Roland & Micheline Ghanem.
- + **GEORGE BOUDJOUK** by Sanir & Hanaa Boudjouk.
- + **YOUSSEF MADOUR** by Kenneth Sabbagh & Family.
- + **DR. YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by M/M Robert & Sarah Deckey.
- + **MANSOUR KARRAZ** by Michael & Afaf Ashkar.
- + **LENA AZAR DAME** by May Azar.
- + **MARY WAKIM TAHHAN** by Bishara Tahhan & Family.
- + **GEORGE DECKEY** by Irene Balon.
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by Janet, Tony, & Andree Charchafliah.
- + **ELIAS J. KISHFY** by Bertha Sanky.
- + **SAMUEL G. RAHEB** by M/M Albert Sackal.
- + **JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by the Family.
- + **ALBERT J. KISHFY** by Edmond Shabo.
- + **FRANCIS A. SAGGAL** by M/M Aboud & Mira Saggal & Family.
- + **MARK HADDAD** by M/M Thomas Sabbagh & Family.
- + **MRS. FLAVIE ALTONGY RAHEB** by the Family.
- + **MR. JEAN BAZERDJI** by the Family.
- + **MARJORIE & ANTHONY TAGER** by the Family.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **AMANDA ROWEY (Birthday Remem.)** by her parents.
- + **HOLY & FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY** by M/M Joseph Saggal.

**For the well-being, health, protection and salvation of the servants of God; Archdeacon George Yany, Sally Gravino, Francine Robat and Frederick & Linda Koussa.**



### 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.





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.



## ST. BASIL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING: Sept. 20, 2020:** Budgets: \$2,938.00; Building Fund: \$255.00; Addtl Melkite Support: \$34.00; Stipends: \$210.00; Candles: \$80.00; Addtl Cemetery: \$73.00.

A special collection will be taken up today for MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT.

Next weekend, Saturday, October 3, and Sunday, October 4, 2020, there will be a special collection for the Religious Education Program. Please be generous in your support to help defray the cost of books, paper stock, visual aids and all that is involved to perfect our program, especially this year because of Zoom & Virtual teaching due to Covid-19, and meet present day standards in this field of education.

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 You-Tube.

**REFLECTION:** The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions.

**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 Giver of All Good Gifts

HOW MANY TV CHANNELS can you access – 300, 400, more? How many do you actually use? How fast can your car travel – 150 mph? How fast do you actually drive? Does your Smartphone have more apps than you'll ever use? Manufacturers design their products based on the conviction that people want more than they really need. As humorist Will Rogers said back in the 1920s, "Too many people spend money they haven't earned, to buy things they don't want to impress people they don't like."



excess. But there are even more serious effects on our soul. Our physical cravings can lead to a psychological dependency: the feeling that I can't live without X, Y or Z. Overeating leads to overweight, physical discomfort and illness; overdependence on material things leads to psychological unhappiness and spiritual emptiness.

Philosophers throughout the ancient world recognized this apart from

Christianity. Lao-Tzu, the fifth-century BC Chinese author of the *Tao Te Ching* said it this way: "To know you have enough is to be rich." The first-century Roman philosopher Seneca noted, "*It is not the man who has too little, but the man who craves more, that is poor.*" Another Stoic philosopher, Epictetus,

Himself born into slavery, had so freed himself from dependence on the material that he reportedly said in AD 55 that, "*Contentment comes not so much from great wealth as from few wants.*" These pagan philosophers would likely have agreed with the Lord when He said, "*It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man [i.e. one dependent on his material wealth] to enter the kingdom of God.*" (Mk 10:25; Lk 18:25).

## How God Provides

St Paul sets forth his "Christian economics" in 2 Corinthians 9:8 – "*God is able to make every gift abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things,*

*may have an abundance for every good work*". The first plank in his three-fold approach is to recognize that **God is able to provide for us**. We often emphasize our own contribution to life, forgetting that our talents, our abilities, our very existence comes from God. As we read in the Epistle of James – and repeat regularly in the Divine Liturgy – "*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights...*" (Jas 1:17). We are, to be sure, co-creators with Him by virtue of our creation in His image; but there is nothing good wrought by our hand apart from Him.

Secondly, God provides for us in a specific manner. He provides for us *all sufficiency in all things*. In other words, He guarantees that we have **everything we truly need**. Third, He guarantees us **an abundance**, over and above what we need, but for a specific purpose: *for every good work*. We have enough for what we actually require and even more, for the purpose of doing good.

## What Do We "Need?"

St Paul's economics are easy to understand in principle, but we find ourselves with a lot of questions when we try to apply his teaching. When does "need" – I must have – become "excess" – I can use or I want? And is it good for me to have everything I want and can afford?

We recognize the negative effects on our body if we eat or drink to

## Enough vs. Abundance


St. Paul is clear: the purpose of any abundance we may be given is for doing every good work. Do you have more than you need? Don't look to add to your holdings – you will simply be frustrating God's purpose for your life. As the Prophet Isaiah warned those who build their life around making more than they need, "*Woe to those who add house to house and field to field... their many houses shall be desolate*" (Is 5:8, 9). Wealth, it must be said, is not wrong. Not using it according to God's plan turns it – and us – aside from God and His way.

Even this is a principle that non-Christians and non-believers of every kind have espoused. This is evident in the way people have made their own the saying "Live simply, so others may simply live." Non-Christians have attributed it to Mohandas Gandhi, the Indian nationalist or to Henry David Thoreau, the nineteenth-century American Transcendentalist thinker. Roman Catholics have found it in the writings of Mother Theresa of Calcutta or in the teachings of their first American-born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton. The idea is clearly easy to accept, but demanding when we try to put it in practice.

One help for those who might try to devote their abundance to the doing of good is the teaching of St John Chrysostom. He reminds us that God's purpose in commanding almsgiving is not only for the sake of the recipient. It is also, if not primarily, for the donor. The recipient of alms receives physical sustenance but the giver of alms grows in his or her spirit, imitating the Giver of all good gifts.



# SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
|   |   | 1<br><b>Beginning of the Liturgical Year</b><br>1 Timothy 2:1-7<br>Luke 4:16-22                             | 2<br>St Mammas<br>2 Corinthians 13:3-13<br>Mark 4:35-41                        | 3<br>St Anthimos of Nicomedia<br>Galatians 1:1-3,20-24, 2:1-5<br>Mark 5:1-20   | 4<br>Holy Prophet Moses<br>Galatians 2:6-10<br>Mark 5:22-24,35-6:1   | 5<br>Holy Prophet Zechariah, father of St John the Forerunner<br>1 Corinthians 4:1-5<br>Matthew 23:1-12                        |
| 6<br><b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>الأحد الرابع عشر بعد العنصرة<br>2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4<br>Matthew 22:2-14 | 7<br>Preparation of Nativity of the Theotokos<br>Galatians 2:11-16<br>Mark 5:24-34                                    | 8<br><b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b><br>ميلاد والدة الإله<br>Philippians 2:5-11<br>Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 | 9<br><b>Sts Joachim &amp; Anne</b><br>Galatians 4:22-27<br>Luke 8:16-21        | 10<br>Sts Menodora, Metrodora and Nymphodora<br>Galatians 3:23-4:5<br>John 3:16-21   | 11<br>St Theodora of Alexandria<br>Galatians 4:8-21<br>John 12:19-36 | 12<br>Saturday before Holy Cross<br>Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Theotokos<br>1 Corinthians 2:6-9<br>Matthew 10:37-11:1 |
| 13<br><b>Preparation of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b><br>Galatians 6:11-18<br>John 3:13-17                               | 14<br><b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b><br>رفع الصليب المقدس<br>1 Corinthians 1:18-24<br>John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-35 | 15<br>St Nicetas<br>Galatians 5:11-21<br>Mark 7:5-16  | 16<br>St Euphemia<br>2 Corinthians 6:1-10<br>Luke 7:36-50                      | 17<br>St Sophie and her daughters<br>Ephesians 1:1-9<br>Mark 7:24-30   | 18<br>St Eumenios of Gortyna<br>Ephesians 1:7-17<br>Mark 8:1-10      | 19<br>Saturday after Holy Cross<br>1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5<br>John 8:21-30  |
| 20<br><b>Sunday after Holy Cross</b><br>الأحد بعد الصليب<br>Galatians 2:16-20<br>Mark 8:34-9:1                                  | 21<br>Leave-taking of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross<br>Ephesians 1:22-2:3<br>Luke 3:19-22                          | 22<br>St Phocas of Sinope<br>Ephesians 2:19-3:7<br>Luke 3:23-4:1  | 23<br>Conception of St John the Forerunner<br>Galatians 4:22-27<br>Luke 1:5-25 | 24<br>St Thecla, Woman Protomartyr<br>St Robert of Salzburg<br>Ephesians 4:14-17<br>Luke 4:16-22   | 25<br>St Euphrosyne<br>Ephesians 4:17-25<br>Luke 4:22-30             | 26<br><b>Passing of St John the Apostle</b><br>انتقال الرسول يوحنا الإنجيلي<br>1 John 4:12-19<br>John 19:25-27, 21:24-25       |
| 27<br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross</b><br>الأحد الأول بعد الصليب<br>2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1<br>Luke 5:1-11          | 28<br>St Chariton<br>Ephesians 4:25-32<br>Luke 4:38-44  | 29<br>St Cyriacos<br>Ephesians 5:20-25<br>Luke 5:12-16  | 30<br>St Gregory of Armenia<br>Ephesians 5:25-33<br>Luke 5:33-39               | <b>Liturgical Symbols:</b><br> Abstain from meat<br> Church Major Feasts<br> Fast from midnight until noon<br> 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



## Fishers of Men



In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!



Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.



Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.

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# 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](http://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"> <li>Limit of 25 people</li> <li>Exception: Social gatherings with licensed catering can have 50 people</li> <li>The smaller the group, the lower the risk</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit of 125 people</li> <li>Up to 66% capacity with 6-foot spacing</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor venues operating at a percent capacity in phase 2 can increase up to 66% capacity with 6-foot spacing</li> <li>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</li> </ul> |
| Limits for outdoor settings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit of 50 people</li> <li>Exception: Social gatherings with licensed catering can have 100 people</li> <li>The smaller the group, the lower the risk</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit of 250 people</li> <li>4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations subject to beach/park rules. Plans for July 4 required above 250. Masks must be worn. Social distance must be maintained.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6-foot distancing and all other public health guidance must be followed</li> </ul>   |

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