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## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**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.



### Glorious Resurrection of our Lord أحد الفصح العظيم المقدس

**Antiphon Prayer**

Almighty Word of God, Who rose from the tomb and appeared to your beloved ones, show us the prints of the nails and the wound of your side. Strengthen our faith so that we may confess before the world that by your suffering, You healed the sufferings of our souls and by your glorious Resurrection, you granted mankind a pledge of their own resurrection.

For You are our Light and our Resurrection, 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 Pascha**

Christ is risen from the dead and by His death He has trampled upon death; and has given life to those who were in the tomb (3X).

**Hypacoi of Pascha**

Mary and her companions went forth before dawn. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb and heard the angel say, "Why do you seek Him as a man among the dead, when He is in eternal splendor? Behold, the shroud is laid aside. Hasten and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen and has put Death to death, for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

**Kondakion of Pascha**

Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God. You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying "Rejoice!" You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had Fallen resurrection.

**Hymn to the Theotokos:**

The angel cried out to the Woman full of grace: "Hail, immaculate Virgin! Hail again! for your Son is risen from the tomb on the third day. Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has shone upon you. Rejoice and be glad O Sion and you, O pure one, O Mother of God, exult in the resurrection of your Son.

**صلاة الأنديفوننة**

أيها الكلمة القدير، يا من قام من القبر وأتى أحبائه، أرى آثار المسامير وطعنة جنبك، وثبثت إيماننا، لكي نعرف أمام الجميع بأنك تألمت فسفت آلام نفوسنا، وقمت من بين الأموات فوهبت للعالم عربون القيامة بقيامتك المجيدة. لأنك أنت نورنا وقيامتنا، أيها المسيح الإله، واليك نرفع المجد، وإلى أبليك الأزلي وروحك القدوس، الآن وكل أوان وإلى دهر الدهرين.

**نشيد العيد باللحن الخامس (3 مرات)**

المسيح قام من بين الاموات ووطيء الموت بالموت ووهب الحياة للذين في القبور (ثلاثا)

**الابياكوي باللحن الرابع**

سبقت الصبح اللواتي كن مع مريم، فوجدن الحجر مدمرجاً عن القبر. وسمعن من الملاك: لم تطلبن من هو في الضوء الأزلي بين الموتى كإنسان؟ أنظرن لفائف الأكفان. أسرعن وبشرن العالم بأن الرب قد قام وأمات الموت، لأنه أبن الله المخلص جنس البشر.

**القنداق باللحن الثاني (أو الثامن)**

وإن نزلت إلى القبر يا من لا يموت، فقد نقضت قُدرة الجحيم وقمت كظافر، أيها المسيح الإله. وللنساء حاملات الطيب قلت افرحن. ولرسلك وهبت السلام، يا مانح الواقعين القيام.

**نشيد لوالدة الإله باللحن الاول**

ان الملاك خاطب الممثلة نعمة: أيتها العذراء النقية افرحي. وايضا اقول افرحي، لأن ابنك قد قام من القبر في اليوم الثالث. أستنبري أستنبري. يا أورشليم الجديدة. لأن مجد الرب قد أشرق عليك. افرحي الآن وسري يا صهيون. وأنيت يا نقيّة يا والدة الإله افرحي بقيامة ولدك.





#### 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>



#### The Epistle: Acts of the Apostles: 1: 1-9

This is the day the Lord has made: let us be glad and rejoice in it!

Stichon: Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

#### READING from the Acts of the Apostles

In the preceding book, Theophilus, I was concerned with everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, until the day he was taken up, after giving commandments through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. To them also he showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about God's kingdom. And while eating with them, he told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise, "of which you have heard," he said, "by my mouth. For while John baptized with water, you shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit within a few days."

Now, those gathered there questioned him, asking, "Lord, is it now that you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" But he answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or the proper moments the Father has set by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and even to the very ends of the earth."

#### ALLELUIA (Tone 4)

You shall arise and have mercy upon Sion, for the time to pity her, the right time has come.

Stichon: The Lord has looked down from heaven upon all the sons of men.

#### Gospel of Pascha: John 1: 1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was made nothing that has been made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness grasped it not. There was a man, one sent from God, whose name was John. This man came as a witness, to bear witness concerning the light, that all might believe through him. He was not himself the light, but was to bear witness to the light. It was the true light that enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not. He came to his own, and his own received him not. But to as many as received him he gave the power of becoming children of God; to those who believe in his name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us. And we saw his glory (glory as of the only-begotten of the Father) full of grace and of truth. John bore witness concerning him, and cried, "This was the one of whom I said, 'He who is to come after me has been set above me, because he was before me.'" And of his fullness we have all received, grace for grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

#### مقدمة الرسالة

هذا هو اليوم الذي صنعه الرب، فلنبتهج ونفرح به

اعترفوا للرب فإنه صالح. لأن إلى الأبد رحمته

#### الرسالة (أعمال الرسل 1: 1-9)

قد أنشأت الكلام الأول يا ثاوفيلس، في جميع الأمور التي. أبتدأ يسوع يعملها ويعلم بها، إلى اليوم الذي صعد فيه. من بعد أن أوصى بالروح القدس الرسل الذين اصطفاهم، الذين أراهم أيضاً نفسه حياً بعد تألمه بتراهين كثيرة. وهو يتراءى لهم مدة أربعين يوماً ويكلمهم عما يخص ملكوت الله. وفيما هو يأكل معهم أوصاهم أن لا ترحلوا من أورشليم. بل انتظروا موعد الآب الذي سمعتموه متى. فإن يوحنا إنما عمّد بالماء. أما أنتم فسستمدون بالروح القدس بعد هذه الأيام بقليل. فسأله المجتمعون قائلين: يا رب في هذا الزمان تترد الملك إلى إسرائيل؟ فقال لهم. ليس لكم أن تعرفوا الأوقات والأزمان التي جعلها الآب في سلطانه الخاص، لكنكم ستنالون قوة بحلول الروح القدس عليكم. فتكونون لي شهوداً في أورشليم. وفي جميع اليهودية والسامرة وإلى أقاصي الأرض.

#### هللوا

أنت يا رب تقوم وترأف بصهيون لأنه وقت الرأفة بها. والوقت قد حضر

الرب من السماء نظر، فأبصر جميع بني البشر.

#### الانجيل (يوحنا 1: 1-17)

في البدء كان الكلمة. والكلمة كان عند الله. وكان الكلمة الله. هذا كان في البدء عند الله. كل به كُن. وبغيره لم يكون شيء مما كُن. فيه كانت الحياة. والحياة كانت نور الناس، والنور يضيء في الظلمة. والظلمة لم تُدركه. كان رجل مُرسَل من الله اسمه يوحنا، هذا جاء للشهادة لكي يشهد للنور. حتى يؤمن الجميع بواسطته. لم يكن هو النور بل كان ليشهد للنور. كان النور الحقيقي الذي يُنير كل إنسان أت إلى العالم، كان في العالم والعالم به كُن. والعالم لم يعرفه. أت إلى خاصته وخاصته لم تقبله فأما كل الذين قبلوه فأعطاهم سلطاناً أن يكونوا أبناء الله. الذين لا من دم ولا من مشيئة لحم، ولا من مشيئة رجل، لكن من الله وُلدوا. والكلمة صار جسداً وحلَّ فينا. وقد أبصرنا مجده مجد وحيد من الآب، مملوءاً نعمة وحقاً. ويوحنا شهد له وصرخ قائلاً: هذا هو الذي قُلْتُ عنه إن الذي يأتي بعدي قد كان قبلي لأنه أقدم مني. ومن امتلائه نحن كلنا أخذنا، ونعمة مكان نعمة، لأن الناموس أعطي بموسى. وأما النعمة والحق فبیسوع المسيح قد خلاصا.







## 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:** March 28, 2021: Budgets: \$3,843.00; Envelopes: \$3,758.00; Loose: \$85.00; Stipends: \$40.00; Candles: \$158.00; Building Fund: \$30.00; Melkite Support: \$350.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$10.00; Addit'l Fuel: \$15.00; Lilies Donation: \$145.00; Home Serve Refund: \$90.00.

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

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Many parishioners have followed the long-time tradition of donating Lilies to the Church for the Easter Season. If you would like to participate in this tradition, please place your \$10 offering in any plain envelope with your name on it, and deposit it in the collection basket. Much appreciated.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:** As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, it offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. They depend on the collection for their lives. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

TODAY, April 3 & 4, there will be a **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR YOUR EASTER OFFERINGS.** Please give out of the abundance of your heart.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS:** A Blessed and Joyful Easter to each of you! May we take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in our parish work and extend to you and your loved ones our prayerful best wishes as we chant the victory hymn - **"CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND BY HIS DEATH, HE HAS TRAMPLED UPON DEATH, AND HAS GIVEN LIFE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN THE TOMBS."**

**Your devoted Clergy:** Father Ephrem, Father Joe, Deacon Edmond and Deacon Gilbert

**PRAYERS FOR FR. DANIEL NASSANEY:** Fr. Dan is halfway through his 4-week rest period between radiation sessions and the upcoming right leg calf operation to remove the cancer. March 17<sup>th</sup> he was scheduled to have an MRI to determine the results of the radiation treatment and the size and condition of the tumor. The operation itself has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. What happens after will depend on the results of the operation. He thanks you all for your messages, cards, prayers and good wishes and conveys a BLESSED EASTER to all! May Almighty God, Physician of our souls and bodies stretch forth His right hand above the priest-servant, Fr. Dan, and heal him from this devastating illness in His Divine Providence.

**2020 BUDGET STATEMENTS AVAILABLE:** It is that time of year to start thinking about the preparation of your 2020 Federal Income Tax Returns. Statements of your offerings to the Church for 2020 will only be issued upon request. If you would like a statement, please contact Father Joe at the rectory at 722-1345. To those who have been using envelopes, we extend our thanks, and a reminder to please mark the amount enclosed which facilitates the recording of your contributions and allows for more accuracy. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IN THIS REGARD!!!**

**REFLECTION:** Families are like fudge, mostly sweet, with a few nuts.



## Divine Liturgy Intentions



**TODAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 3, AND SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021: EASTER SUNDAY. THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**

### 4:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

For the **SPIRITUAL & TEMPORAL WELFARE** of all the parishioners and friends of St. Basil's Church, and the **ETERNAL REPOSE** of all those who have preceded us to everlasting life in the **HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION.**

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

For the **SPIRITUAL & TEMPORAL WELFARE** of all the parishioners and friends of St. Basil's Church, and the **ETERNAL REPOSE** of all those who have preceded us to everlasting life in the **HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION.**



### 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.





# What Is the Resurrection of Jesus?

"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:14-15). With these words Saint Paul explains quite drastically what faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ means for the Christian message overall: it is its very foundation. The Christian faith stands or falls with the truth of the testimony that Christ is risen from the dead.

If this were taken away, it would still be possible to piece together from the Christian tradition a series of interesting ideas about God and men, about man's being and his obligations, a kind of religious world view: but the Christian faith itself would be dead. Jesus would be a failed religious leader, who despite his failure remains great and can cause us to reflect. But he would then remain purely human, and his authority would extend only so far as his message is of interest to us. He would no longer be a criterion; the only criterion left would be our own judgment in selecting from his heritage what strikes us as helpful. In other words, we would be alone. Our own judgment would be the highest instance.

Therefore it is necessary to listen with particular attention as the New Testament bears witness to the Resurrection. Yet first we have to acknowledge that this testimony, considered from a historical point of view, is presented to us in a particularly complex form and gives rise to many questions.

- 1) We are to be a Resurrection people: Easter, the feast of the Resurrection, gives us the joyful message that we are a "Resurrection people." This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits and dangerous addictions. It gives us the Good News that no tomb can hold us down anymore - not the tomb of despair, discouragement or doubt, nor that of death. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).
- 2) We need to seek our peace and joy in the Risen Jesus: The living presence of the Risen Lord gives us lasting peace and celestial joy in the face of the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life. "Peace be with you!" was His salutation to His disciples at all post-Resurrection appearances. For the true Christian, every day must be an Easter Day, lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord.
- 3) We are to be transparent Christians: We are called to be transparent Christians, showing others, through our lives of love, mercy, compassion and self-sacrificing service, that the Risen Jesus is living in our hearts.
- 4) We need to live new, disciplined lives in the Risen Jesus: Our awareness of the all-pervading, loving presence of the Risen Lord in and around us, and the strong conviction of our own coming resurrection, help us control our thoughts, desires, words and



behavior. These salutary thoughts inspire us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction that the Risen Lord is present in our neighbors and in all those we encounter should encourage us to respect them, and to render them loving, humble and selfless service.

- 5) We need to remember Easter in our Good Fridays: Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday and that Jesus will let us share the power of His Resurrection. Each time we display our love of others, we share in the Resurrection. Each time we face a betrayal of trust, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations – but keep on trying to overcome them – we share in the Resurrection. Each time we continue to hope – even when our hope seems unanswered – we share in the power of Jesus' Resurrection.

In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us – not pain, sin, rejection or death – because Christ has conquered all these, and we too can conquer them if we put our Faith in Him.

- 6) We are to be bearers of the Good News of Resurrection power. Resurrection is Good News, but at the same time, it's sometimes painful because it involves death. Before the power of the Resurrection can take hold in our own lives, we're called to die to sin, to die to self. We may even have to die to our own dreams, so that God can do what He wants to do with our lives. Resurrection is about seeing our world in a new way. Early that Easter morning, Mary Magdalene did not find what she was looking for, the dead body of Jesus. But she found something better than she could have imagined: The Risen Jesus. Sometimes, the things we think we want most are not granted to us. What we get instead is an experience of God's new ways of working in the world. That's the power of the Resurrection. When those moments come, we must spread the news--just as Mary Magdalene did: We have seen the Lord!
- 7) We need to be Easter people: We are in truth called to be an "Easter people", because there are many Easter moments in our lives. It may be in prayer, when for a moment we really experience the love of God, especially having felt His absence, as we often do, like the disciples who experienced the emptiness of the tomb. It may be that moment when we are touched and given hope by a word of Scripture - like the disciples on the road to Emmaus when their hearts were uplifted in joy and hope as the Lord opened up the scriptures to them. Or it may be a moment during the sacrament of reconciliation, after we have acknowledged honestly our weakness and selfishness, our sinfulness and come to experience his forgiveness. Indeed, there are times in our lives when we know, through Faith, that the times of calm after the storm, of joy after sorrow, of restored vitality after weary days on our journey of Faith, are truly times when we share in his paschal mystery



# عيد الفصح هو عبور من الموت إلى الحياة

## المسيح قام! حقًا قام!

للقيامه معاني كثيرة: هي ختام عمل الفداء وتمجيد يسوع وتحقق النبوات والوعود ومركز كرازة الجماعة المسيحية الاولى وموضوع ايماننا المسيحي الاساسي:

## - قيامه يسوع تكملة عمل الفداء

بدأ يسوع عمل الفداء بالتجسد والالام والصليب والموت وأكملة بالقيامه. أنقذنا الرب يسوع من الخطايا، وبقيامته أعاد كل ما فقدناه من خلال الخطيئة وفتح لنا أبواب الحياة الأبدية كما جاء في تعليم بولس الرسول "أسلم إلى الموت من أجل زلاتنا وأقيم من أجل برنا". (رومة 4، 25). فإن كان قد دُبح لأجلنا، بقيامته تؤكد قبول الذبيحة. وإن كان قد صُلب من أجل ديون ذنوبنا، بقيامته تعلن وفاء الدين. وعلق القديس ميليتيوس أسقف سردينيا: اتخذ الرب، مع كونه إلهًا بطبيعة الإنسان، وتألّم عمن كان يتألم، وقُيّد بدل من كان مُقَيّدًا، وحُكِم عليه بدل من كان مُجرِمًا، ودُفِن بدل من كان مدفونًا، وقام من بين الأموات.

## - قيامه يسوع طريق للمجد

دخل يسوع الى المجد من خلال قيامته. فعندما كان يسوع على الارض لم يظهر مجده الا ببعض العلامات "جاء إلى بيته. فما قبله أهل بيته. (يوحنا 1: 11)، وفي لحظات قصيرة لحظته التجلي "مضى يسوع ببطرس ويعقوب ويوحنا فانفرد بهم وحدهم على جبل عال، وتجلّى بمرأى منهم." (مرقس 9: 2)؛ اما بعد القيامه دخل يسوع عالم جديد تنبأ عنه اشعيا النبي (اشعيا 65: 17) وأصبح "ربّ المجد" (1 قورنثس 2: 8). إنّ جسده الآن مُمجّد، خالداً وغير قابل للتدمير. يُشارك جسد المسيح الربّ في المجد الذي كان لديه من البداية، عندما كان حاضراً مع الآب قبل الخلق. وبهذه القيامه، أثبت المسيح الربّ مجد ألوهيته. لم يُقمه أي أحد بل إنه قام بوقته الذاتية. قال الرب يسوع: "أبذل نفسي لأنا لها ثابته ما من أحد ينزعها مني بل إنني أبذلها برضائي. فلي أن أبذلها ولي أن أنالها ثابته" (يوحنا 10، 18-19).

## - قيامه يسوع تحقيق للنبوات

ان قيامه يسوع حققت ما قد تنبأ يسوع نفسه لتلاميذه "أَنْ ابْنَ الإنسان يَجِبُ عَلَيْهِ أَنْ يُعَانِيَ آلاماً شديدة، وَأَنْ يَذُلَّهُ السُّيُوفُ وَعُظْمَاءُ الكَهَنَةِ وَالْكَتَبَةِ، وَأَنْ يُقْتَلَ، وَأَنْ يَقُومَ بَعْدَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ" (مرقس 8: 31). فقيامه يسوع حققت نبوءة علامة يونان "فكما بقيّ يونان في بطن الخوت ثلاثة أيام وثلاث ليال، فكذلك يَبْقَى ابْنُ الإنسان في جوف الأرض ثلاثة أيام وثلاث ليال" (متى 12: 40). وقيامه يسوع هي أيضاً علامة الهيكل كما اشار يسوع الى ذلك بقوله "انقضوا هذا الهيكل أقيمته في ثلاثة أيام" (يوحنا 2: 19-21).

## - قيامه يسوع تحقيق للوعود

حققت القيامه وعد رفع يسوع ممجدا الى يمين الله "فداود لم يصعد إلى السموات، وهو نفسه مع ذلك يقول: قال الربّ لربي: اجلس عن يميني" (اعمال الرسل 2: 34) كما حققت القيامه تمجيد عبد الرب "ليجري الشفاء والآيات والأعاجيب باسم عبدك القدوس يسوع" (اعمال الرسل 4: 30) كما حققت القيامه ايضا الوعد بجلوس يسوع عن يمين الله "ها إني أرى السموات مُتَفَتِّحَةً، وَابْنَ الإنسان قائماً عن يمين الله" (اعمال الرسل 7: 56).

## - القيامه هي مركز الكرازة الرسولية

وتقوم كرازة الرسل على ان يسوع قد صلب ومات، الا ان الله اقامه، وبه يُقدّم للناس الخلاص كما صرّح بطرس الرسول "فَقَتَلْنَاهُ سَيِّدَ الْحَيَاةِ، فَأَقَامَهُ اللَّهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَنَحْنُ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ" (اعمال الرسل 3: 14-15). ويؤكد لنا بولس الرسول ايضا ايمان الجماعة الاولى بالقيامه، حيث يقول "سَلَّمْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ قَبْلَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مَا تَسَلَّمْتُمْ أَنَا أَيضًا، وَهُوَ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِ خَطَايَانَا كَمَا وَرَدَ فِي الْكُتُبِ، وَأَنَّهُ قُبِرَ وَقَامَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ كَمَا وَرَدَ فِي الْكُتُبِ" (1 قورنثس 15: 3-4). "وإن كان المسيح لم يُقم، فبتبشيرنا باطل وإيمانكم أيضًا باطل" (1 قورنثس 15: 14). وإن رؤساء اليهود لم يكدوا حقيقة القيامه بل اکتفوا بالبحث عن تفسير آخر له وذلك برشوة رجال الحرس بقولهم لهم قولوا إنّ تلاميذه جاؤوا ليلاً فسرّقوه ونحّن نائمون" (متى 28: 13). ويمكننا أن نلقب سفر الأعمال بشاره القيامه. للجماعة المسيحية الاولى القيامه لها الأهمية الاولى إذ بدون قيامه الربّ لما قامت الكنيسة المسيحية على الإطلاق.

## - القيامه هي عربون قيامتنا

قيامه المسيح هي موضوع إيماننا واساس رجائنا في القيامه في اليوم الاخير. قام يسوع باعتباره "باكورة الراقيين (1 قورنثس 15: 20) وهو "أَوَّلُ الْقَائِمِينَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ" (اعمال الرسل 26: 23). فنحن نقوم، لان يسوع قد قام "فَالَّذِي أَقَامَ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ يُخَيِّ أَيضًا أَجْسَادَكُمْ الْفَانِيَةَ بِوُجْهِ الْحَالِ فِيكُمْ" (رومة 8: 11). ويقول الرسول بطرس أننا قد وُلدنا من جديد إلى رجاء حي عن طريق قيامه يسوع المسيح من الموت "بِتَارَكِ اللَّهِ أَبُو رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، سَمَلْنَا بِوَأْفِرِ رَحْمَتِهِ فَوَلَدَنَا ثَانِيَةً لِرَجَاءٍ حَيٍّ بِقِيَامَةِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ" (1 بطرس 1، 3). ويصرّح بولس الرسول "نَنْتَظِرُ مَجِيءَ الْمُخْلِصِ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ الَّذِي سَيُعَيِّرُ هَيْئَةً جَسَدِنَا الْخَفِيرَ فَيَجْعَلُهُ عَلَى صُورَةِ جَسَدِهِ الْقَجِيدِ بِمَا لَهُ مِنْ قُدْرَةٍ يُخْضِعُ بِهَا لِنَفْسِهِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ" (فيلبي 3: 21).

## موقفنا تجاه القيامه

بعدما بحثنا في معاني قيامه المسيح يكشف يوحنا الإنجيلي عن مراحل نرتقي بها إلى معرفة القيامه وفهمها من خلال الانتقال من رؤية مريم المجدلية السطحية،

الى نظرة بطرس التحليلية، الرؤية التلميذ الحبيب وإيمانه. فمن خلال خبرة الرسل يمكن ان يتخذ المرء اربعة مراحل ليصل الى الايمان بقيامه يسوع من الاموات:

## المرحلة الاولى: التساؤل

قد يظن المرء ان القيامه مجرد تليفق يُستحال تصديقه او فكرة إمكانية خطف الجنة كما كان الحال مع مريم المجدلية التي تساءلت امام القبر الفارغ "أَخَذُوا الرَّبَّ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ، وَلَا نَعْلَمُ أَيْنَ وَضَعُوهُ" (يوحنا 20: 2). فقد رأت مريم المجدلية كما يرى كل إنسان بحاسة النظر ولم تفقه بعد سبب القبر الفارغ ولم تدخل اليه. والجدير بالذكر انجيل يوحنا أشار بان مريم المجدلية كانت وحدها عند القبر دون ذكر سائر النسوة، لأنها مثل توما ترمز الى الذين يحتاجون الى ان يروا لكي يؤمنوا.

## المرحلة الثانية: التحليل والايمان

تقوم المرحلة الثانية بتحقيق المرء من الحقائق كما هو الحال مع بطرس ويوحنا "دَخَلَ الْقَبْرَ فَأَبْصَرَ. الْفَائِثَ مُقَدَّودَ" (20: 6) رأى بطرس الاكفان مرتبة في مكانها على الارض واستدل من كل ما رأى ان جسد يسوع قد تحرر من اللثاف والمندبل ولكنه ظلّ مذهولاً من حدث القيامه؛ بطرس رأى وتعجب كما يصفه لوقا الإنجيلي "غَيْرَ أَنَّ يُطْرُسَ قَامَ فَاسْرَعَ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ وَانْحَنَى، فَلَمْ يَرَ إِلَّا الْفَائِثَ، فَانْصَرَفَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ مُتَعَجِّبًا مِمَّا جَرَى" (لوقا 24: 12)، اما يوحنا الحبيب "فَرَأَى وَأَمَنَ" (يوحنا 20: 8). فهم يوحنا فوراً لغة القبر الفارغ، والاكفان الممدودة، والمندبل ملفوفاً على حدة. فهذه التفاصيل تنفي سرقة الجسد. فأمن بقيامه الرب. وعلى إيمان الرسل ثبت إيمان الكنيسة. وليس الإيمان تصديق الأشياء التي تتناقض مع العقل، بل هو فوق وما وراء العقل كما جاء في تعليم صاحب الرسالة الى العبرانيين "فَالْإِيْمَانُ قُوَامُ الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي تُرْجَى وَتُزْهَأُ الْحَقَائِقُ الَّتِي لَا تُرَى" (عبرانيين 11، 1). إنّ أساس الإيمان المسيحي هو أحداثاً جرت بالفعل، من شهادة شهود عيان جديرين بالثقة.

يسوع المسيح هو شخصيا "القيامه والحياة من آمن بي، وإن مات، فسُخِّيا" (يوحنا 11: 25). وهو يُشركنا منذ الآن في الحياة الجديدة عن طريق علامات اسرار الكنيسة. فالحياة الجديدة التي دخلنا فيها ليست شيئاً آخر سوى حياته ذاتها كشخص قام من بين الاموات "مع أننا كنا أمواتاً بزلّاتنا، أحيانا مع المسيح (بِالرَّحْمَةِ نَلْنُمُ الْخَلَاصَ) وَأَقَامَنَا مَعَهُ وَأَجَلَسَنَا مَعَهُ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ (أَفَسَسَ 2: 5-6). إن ايماننا بقيامه يسوع يوجّه كل كياننا المسيحي "أَمَّا وَقَدْ قُمْتُمْ مَعِ الْمَسِيحِ، فَاسْعَوْا إِلَى الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي فِي الْعُلَى حَيْثُ الْمَسِيحُ قَدْ جَلَسَ عَنْ يَمِينِ اللَّهِ". (قولوسي 3: 1).

أيها الرب يسوع المسيح، يا من غلبت الموت وخرجت من ظلمة القبر منتصراً ونقض موتك موتنا وبقيامتك أعدت الحياة الينا، امنحنا رُوحك القدوس وأظهر غفرانك وسلامك وفرك في قلوبنا وحياتنا فنشهد بقمنا أنّ يسوع ربّ، ونؤمن بقلبي أنّ الله أقامه من بين الأموات، ونكون شهوداً لقيامتك على مثال الرسل "فلا تَسْتَطِيعُ السُّكُوتُ عَنْ ذِكْرِ مَا رَأَيْنَا وَمَا سَمِعْنَا وَمَا اخْتَرْنَا" (اعمال الرسل 4: 21)، ونشع هذا الايمان للجميع منشدين مع الكنيسة "المسيح قام من بين الأموات ووطئ الموت بالموت. ووهب الحياة للذين في القبور".

# Following Jesus

## Kids bulletin



### The First Easter



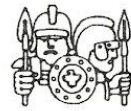
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When Jesus died his  were sad. They put him in a 

A large  was placed in front of the .  stood nearby to see that no one rolled the  away.

For  days Jesus' body lay in the . Then in the morning of the third day, an  came and rolled the  away. When the  saw the , they were afraid.

That day Jesus'  came to the . They saw that the  had been rolled away. There was an  in the . The  said, "He is not here: for he is risen."

Jesus died so that we can all live again after we die. We have Easter to remind everyone of the day Jesus arose from the dead.



# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

APRIL



نيسان - أبريل  
2021

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Liturgical Symbols:

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

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|
|  |  |  |   | <b>1</b><br>Great & Holy Thursday<br>الخميس العظيم المقدس<br>1 Corinthians 11:23-32<br>Matthew 26:1-27:2<br>John 13:3-17; Luke 22:43-44 | <b>2</b><br>Great & Holy Friday<br>الجمعة العظيمة المقدسة<br>Eothinon: Twelve Gospels       | <b>3</b><br>Great & Holy Saturday<br>سبت النور<br>Romans 6:3-12<br>Matthew 28:1-20 |
| <b>4</b><br>Easter Sunday<br>أحد الفصح العظيم المقدس<br>Acts 1:1-8<br>John 1:1-17              | <b>5</b><br>Monday of New Week<br>أثنين التجديدات<br>Acts 1:12-17, 21-26<br>John 1:18-28 | <b>6</b><br>Tuesday of New Week<br>ثلاثاء التجديدات<br>Acts 2:14-21<br>Luke 24:12-35 | <b>7</b><br>Wednesday of New Week<br>أربعاء التجديدات<br>Acts 2:22-38<br>John 1:35-51 | <b>8</b><br>Thursday of New Week<br>خميس التجديدات<br>Acts 2:38-43<br>John 3:1-15   | <b>9</b><br>Friday of New Week<br>جمعة التجديدات<br>Acts 3:1-8<br>John 2:12-22              | <b>10</b><br>Saturday of New Week<br>سبت التجديدات<br>Acts 3:9-16<br>John 3:22-33  |
| <b>11</b><br>St Thomas Sunday<br>أحد الرسول توما<br>Acts 5:12-20<br>John 20:19-31              | <b>12</b><br>St Basil of Parios<br>Acts 3:19-26<br>John 2:1-11                           | <b>13</b><br>St Martin, Pope of Rome<br>Acts 4:1-10<br>John 3:16-21                  | <b>14</b><br>Sts Aristarchos, Pudeos and Trophimus<br>Acts 4:13-22<br>John 5:17-24    | <b>15</b><br>St Crescent<br>Acts 4:23-31<br>John 5:24-30  | <b>16</b><br>Sts Agapia, Irene and Chionia<br>Acts 5:1-11<br>John 5:30-6:2                  | <b>17</b><br>St Simeon the Persian<br>Acts 5:21-32<br>John 6:14-27                 |
| <b>18</b><br>Sunday of Holy Myrrh-bearers<br>أحد حاملات الطيب<br>Acts 6:1-7<br>Mark 15:43-16:8 | <b>19</b><br>St John the Hermit<br>Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60<br>John 4:46-54                   | <b>20</b><br>St Theodore Trichinas<br>Acts 8:5-15<br>John 6:27-33                    | <b>21</b><br>St Theodore of Pergia<br>Acts 8:18-25<br>John 6:35-39                    | <b>22</b><br>St Theodore Sykeotes<br>Acts 8:26-39<br>John 6:40-44   | <b>23</b><br>St George the Triumphant<br>القديس جاورجيوس<br>Acts 12:1-11<br>John 15:17-16:2 | <b>24</b><br>St Elizabeth the Wonderworker<br>Acts 9:19-31<br>John 15:17-16:2      |
| <b>25</b> Anzac Day<br>Sunday of the Paralytic<br>أحد المفلج<br>1 Peter 5:6-14<br>John 5:1-15  | <b>26</b><br>St Basil of Amasia<br>Acts 10:1-16<br>John 6:56-69                          | <b>27</b><br>St Simeon<br>Acts 10:21-33<br>John 7:1-13                               | <b>28</b><br>Mid-Paschaltide<br>منتصف الخمسين<br>Acts 14:6-18<br>John 7:14-30         | <b>29</b><br>St Memnon the Wonderworker<br>Acts 10:34-43<br>John 8:12-20  | <b>30</b><br>St James the Apostle<br>Acts 10:44-11:10<br>John 8:21-30                       |  |

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

At your command, the sick were made well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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- **Social Gatherings:** as of October 30, the indoor and outdoor social gathering limit is 10 people because social gatherings have been the source of many positive cases.
- **Early closures:** All restaurants, bars, gyms, recreational facilities, and personal services must close at 10 p.m. Sunday – Thursday and at 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Stay-at-home advisory** is in effect from 10 p.m. – 5 a.m. Sunday – Thursday and from 10:30 p.m. – 5 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Venues of assembly:** The capacity limit for indoor venues (performing arts venues, movie theaters, houses of worship) is 50% of normal capacity with a maximum of 125 people. The limit for outdoor venues is 66% of normal capacity with a maximum of 150 people. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Catered events:** The capacity limit for indoor catered events is 25 and for outdoor catered events is 75, with exceptions for previously scheduled weddings. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Large retailers:** The capacity limit for big box stores (more than 30,000 square feet of space) is one person per 150 square feet. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Business travel:** Businesses are asked to cancel any non-essential, work-related travel. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Masks** are required any time you're near people who don't live with you, including at the gym.

## REOPENING RI

### 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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html)

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