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## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



### HOLY AND GLORIOUS PENTECOST SUNDAY أحد العنصرة

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**Antiphon Prayer**

O Lord, Lover of Mankind, You sent the divine grace of Your All-holy Spirit upon the Disciples. We pray You to grant Him to us. Illumine our hearts with the light of His presence, so that, with restless voices, we may sing hymns of praise to Your All-holy and Undivided Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Antiphons of the Feast—Second Antiphon**

1- May the Lord answer you in time of distress; may the name of the God of Jacob defend you.

O Holy Counselor, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

2- May He send you help from the sanctuary; from Sion may He sustain you.

3- May He remember all your offerings and graciously accept your holocaust.

**Troparion of the Feast, (8th Tone), 3 times**

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who have filled the fishermen with wisdom by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them, and who through them, have caught in Your net the whole world, O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

**Kondakion of the Feast, (8th Tone)**

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues (in Babel), He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all men to unity. Wherefore, we glorify the Holy spirit, with one accord

**صلاة الأنديفونة**

أيها الربُّ المحب البشر، يا مَنْ أرسل اليوم نعمة روحه القدوس الإلهية على الرسل، إِنَّا نبتهلُ إِلَيْكَ أَنْ تمنحنا إِيَّاها لثُغْيَ قلوبنا بنور حضوره، فنقدِّمُ لك، بأصواتٍ لا تفتُر، ترنيماً مثلت التقديس، مسبحين الثالوث القدوس غير المنقسم أيها الآب والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكلَّ اوانٍ وإلى دهر الداهرين. آمين

**الأنديفونة الثانية للعنصرة**

ليستجب لك الربُّ في يوم الضيق، لعصُذُك اسمُ اله يعقوب

—اللازمة: خلصنا أيها المعزي الصالح، نحن المرمِّمين لك هلوليا

ليرسل لك عوناً من القدس، ويعصُذُك من صهيون

ليذكر كلَّ ذبيحةٍ لك، ويُسَمِّنْ مُحَرَّقَتَكَ.

**نشيد العنصرة باللحن الثامن (3 مرات)**

مبارك أنت أيها المسيح الهنا، الذي اظهر الصيادين جزيلي الحكمة، وأنزل عليهم الروح القدس، وبهم اصطاد المسكونة يا محب البشر المجد لك.

**قنداق الختام للعنصرة باللحن الثامن**

لما نزل العلي ولبل الألسن، قسَمَ الأمم. وحين وُجَّعَ الألسنُ النَّارِيَّة، دعا الجميع إلى الوحدة، فتمجَّد الروح القدس باتفاقي الأصوات.





### 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>



## HOLY AND GLORIOUS PENTECOST SUNDAY

PROKIMENON (Tone 8) Ps.18: 5,2

Through all the earth, their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Stichon: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

### READING from the Acts of the Apostles

When the days of Pentecost were ending, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them separate tongues as of fire, and they settled upon each one of them, and all were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in foreign tongues, as the Holy Spirit granted them to speak.

Now, there were staying in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, a great crowd gathered, and they were astounded because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And all of them, amazed and wondering, were saying to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? How then have all of us heard our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Lybia around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, Jews also and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we have heard them speaking in our own language of the wonderful works of God."

ALLELUIA (Tone 1)

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.

Stichon: From heaven the Lord looks down. He sees all the children of men.

### Gospel of the Feast: John 7: 37-52 & 8:12

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Now on the last, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Anyone who believes in Me, as the Scripture says, 'From within him there shall flow rivers of living water.'" He said this, however, of the Spirit, whom they who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit had not yet been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. Some of the crowd, therefore, when they had heard these words, said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." Some, however, said, "Can the Christ come from Galilee? Does not the Scripture say it is of the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived, that the Christ is to come?" So there arose a division among the crowd because of Him. And some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The attendants therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and these said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The attendants answered, "Never has man spoken as this Man." The Pharisees then answered them, "Have you also been fooled? Has any one of the rulers believed in Him, or any of the Pharisees? But this crowd, which does not know the Law, is accursed." Nicodemus, the man who had come to Him at night, who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man unless it first gives him a hearing, and knows what he does?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also a Galilean? Search and see that out of Galilee arises no prophet." And again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the Light of the world. Anyone who follows Me does not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

### Hymn to the Theotokos: Hirmos of the 9th Ode

Hail, O Queen, glory of virgins and mothers: for your praise is beyond the eloquence of the most cultured tongues, and the wonderful manner in which you gave birth to Christ throws every intelligence into amazement. Wherefore we the faithful magnify you with one accord.

## رسالة أحد العنصرة

### مقدمة الرسالة

في كل الارض ذاع منطقتهم، وإلى اقاصي المسكونة كلامهم  
السموات تذيع مجد الله، والفلك يُخبرُ بأعمال يديه

### الرسالة (اعمال الرسل 2: 1 - 11)

لما حلَّ يوم الخمسين، كان الرسل كلهم معاً في مكان واحد. فحدثت بغتة صوتٌ من السماء، كصوت ريح شديدة تعصف، وملاً كل البيت الذي كانوا جالسين فيه. وظهرت لهم ألسنة منقسمة كأنها من نار، واستقرت على كل واحد منهم. فامتأوا كلهم من الروح القدس، وطفقوا يتكلمون بلغات أخرى، كما آتاهم الروح أن ينطقوا. وكان في أورشليم رجالٌ من اليهود أتقياء من كل أمة تحت السماء. فلما كان ذلك الصوت، اجتمع الجمهور فتحيروا، لأن كل واحد كان يسمعهم ينطقون بلغته. فدهشوا جميعهم وتعجبوا قائلين بعضهم لبعض: أليس هؤلاء المتكلمون كلهم جليليين؟ فكيف نسمع كلٌ منا لغته التي ولد فيها؟ نحن الفريسيين والمدايين والعلاميين، وسكان ما بين النهرين واليهودية وكبادوكية. وبنطس وآسية، وفريجية وبمفيلية. ومصر، ونواحي لينة عند القيروان، والرومانيين المستوطنين واليهود والدخلاء والكريتيين والعرب، نسمعهم ينطقون بألسنتنا بعضنا الله.

هللوا

بكلمة الرب تثبتت السموات، وبروح فمه كلُّ قوّتها  
الرب من السماء نظر، فأبصر جميع بني البشر

### انجيل العنصرة (يوحنا 7: 37-52 & 8: 12-8)

في اليوم الأخير العظيم من العيد، وقف يسوع وصاح قائلاً: إن عطش أحدٌ فليأتني إلى ويشرب. من آمن بي، فكما قال الكتاب، ستجري من جوفه أنهار ماء حي. إنما قال هذا عن الروح الذي كان المؤمنون به زمعين أن يقبلوه، فالروح القدس لم يكن قد أعطى، لأن يسوع لم يكن بعد قد مُجد. وإذ سمع كثيرٌ من الجمع كلامه قالوا: في الحقيقة هذا هو النبي. وقال آخرون: هذا هو المسيح. وقال آخرون: ألعن المسيح يأتي من الجليل؟ ألم يُقل الكتاب أن من نسل داود ومن قرية بيت لحم، حيث كان داود، يأتي المسيح. فوقع بين الجمع شقاقٌ من أجله. وكان أناسٌ منهم يريدون أن يمسكوه، ولكن لم يلق أحدٌ عليه يداً. ورجع الخدام إلى رؤساء الكهنة والفريسيين، فقال لهم أولئك: لم تأتوا به؟ فأجاب الخدام: إنه ما نطق إنساناً قط مثل هذا الإنسان. فأجابهم الفريسيون: ألعنكم أنتم أيضاً قد ضللتهم؟ هل آمن به أحدٌ من الرؤساء أو من الفريسيين؟ أما هؤلاء الجمع الذين لا يعرفون الناموس فهم ملعونون. قال لهم أحدهم نيقوديموس الذي كان قد جاء إلى يسوع ليلاً: ألعن شريعتنا تحكم على إنسان ما لم تسمع منه أولاً وتعلم ما فعل؟ فأجابوا وقالوا له: ألعنك أنت أيضاً من الجليل؟ ابحث وانظر، إنه لم يقم نبي من الجليل. ثم كلمهم أيضاً يسوع قائلاً: أنا نور العالم، من تبعني فلا يمشي في الظلام، بل يكون له نور الحياة.

### النشيد لوالدة الاله على اللحن السابع

لقد حبلى ولم تمارسي خبرة. فساد، وأقرضت الكلمة البارئ الكل جسداً، أيتها الأم التي لم تعرف رجلاً، الصائراً خزانة للخلق الذي لا يوسع، ومسكناً لمبدعك الذي لا يُدرك، لأجل هذا يا والدة الإله العذراء، أياك نعظم.







**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** May 9, 2021: Budgets: \$1,825.00: Envelopes: \$1,823.00; Loose: \$2.00; Stipends: \$190.00; Candles: \$102.00; Cemetery: \$310.00; Building Fund: \$75.00.

**Next Weekend, May 29 & 30,** there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT**. Please give generously according to your means.

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.

**FATHER DANIEL NASSANEY UPDATE:** Blessings to all! Thanks for all your help and support. It has been a week now that I was operated on. It seems that the operation was a success. The surgeon had to remove my medial gastrocnemius muscle. He was able to remove the total tumor and has good hope that nothing has spread. I have had no pain. I came back to our house in Tewksbury Monday night. I shall be having physical therapy and the healing process will be extended. What is next is in God's hand. I thank you all for your prayers, warm wishes, rides, cards and notes. Easter is indeed the time of healing.

**THIS SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021,** is known as the Saturday of the Dead which falls before Pentecost Sunday. It is a day set aside for the commemoration of the dead within the liturgical year of the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches. Saturday is a traditional day of prayer for the dead, because Christ lay dead in the Tomb on Saturday. On this day are commemorated all our Fathers and Brethren who from the beginning of time have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. Therefore, this weekend, May 22 & 23, we will commemorate our Families of St Basil the Great and St. Elias, relatives and friends, and as Memorial Day draws near, we will remember all those who gave their lives in defense of their country. At the end of the Divine Liturgies, we will end with a short Memorial Service. May their memories be eternal.

**MEMORIAM:** It is with the deepest sadness that we announce to you the passing into eternal life of the servant of God, **JOSEPH J. SOLOMON, SR.**, Attorney, former City of Warwick Mayor, Municipal Judge and Council President. He was the brother of Carol Paiva of our Parish. A visitation will be held in St. George Maronite Catholic Church, Cranston, RI, on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 -10:00 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial to follow promptly at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be private. Please remember the repose of his soul in your prayers as well as all the souls of the faithful departed. May he rest in peace and may his memory be eternal.

This Wednesday, May 26, 2021 the Divine Liturgy will be offered for All the Deceased Members of your family, relatives, and friends, at 6:30 p.m. (**Remember me, O Lord, in your Kingdom**). Intentions may be emailed to Abouna Ephrem at: [office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com](mailto:office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com), and will be remembered silently at the altar. May their memories be eternal!

**MEMORIAL DAY: MONDAY,** May 31<sup>st</sup>, Memorial Day will be observed in honor of our comrades who died in defense of their country. Memorial Services will be held at St. Basil's Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Let us, on this day, give our thoughts rest from daily cares and strifes of a confused world, and turn them to wholesome thoughts of prayer for these dear ones who have fallen asleep with godliness and great grace, and at the same time, to join in prayer and remember all our loved ones who have preceded us to eternity. **MEMORY ETERNAL!**

**REFLECTION:** When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.

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.





## Divine Liturgy Intentions



**TODAY, SATURDAY, MAY 22, AND SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021: PENTECOST SUNDAY. THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THE APOSTLES. BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH.**

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

**ELIAS NAJMY** (NY) by Fowzi & Carol Assaf & Family.  
**JOSEPH HARRAKA** by Mrs. Mary Elmer & Family.  
**TODD HARRAKA** by Alberta Mardo.  
**REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by Delores & Loriann Agag.  
**JAMES N. ALLAM** by Pat-Luc St. Germain.  
**RICK SQUIRES** by Abe, Michele Domaney & Family.  
**GEORGE KAHLA** by Douglas & Janice Becklin.  
**MARY TAHAN** by Joanne & Mike Kanakry.  
**WILLIAM T. ASERMELY** by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family (SC).  
**ANTHONY NAJJAR** by Helen Lacy.  
**YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by Marlene Koussa.

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

**GEORGE LOZY (Valencia, Venezuela)** by Samir & Hanaa Boudjouk.  
**CLAUDINE RABBAT** by George & Sherine Mussalli & Family.  
**ALBERT J. KISHFY** by Michael & Jane Boudjouk.  
**YUSEF AGHIA** by Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.  
**GEORGE BOUDJOUK** by Mike, Suzanne & Michael Bloom.  
**MARIE CLAIRE CHOUHA** by George & Kristen Baalbaki & Family.  
**GEORGE DECKEY** by Jalal & Souad Dekki & Family.  
**GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by Jason Boudjouk, M.D.  
**JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.  
**ELIAS J. KISHFY** by Larry & Susan Moreau.  
**YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by George & Sherine Mussalli & Family.  
**FRANCIS A. SAGGAL** by Eugenie Mashata & Family.  
**GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL** by M/M Thomas Sabbagh.  
**LOUIS P. KISHFY** by Nelly Kishfy.

### 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.



# LITURGY OR MASS INTENTIONS



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# The gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Feast of Pentecost is the commemoration of the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. In the Byzantine Rite, it is remembered under the aspect of the final revelation of the dogma of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is very specially honored together with his gifts which enable the humble and penitent faithful to become His temple. Pentecost is also the Feast of the Foundation of the Church, of the beginning of her mission to the world, and of Christian Unity within the diversity of nations, languages, and cultures.

At our Baptism and Chrismation we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. But as long as we are dominated by the passions these gifts are not fully active. They are hidden or covered. Once we remove the passions then these gifts work in our consciousness.

St. Maximus the Confessor describes wisdom as follows:

By this we know as far as is humanly possible, in an unknown way, the simple logoi of things found in God; we take out the truth from everything, as from a gushing spring of the heart, and we also share it in different ways with others.

It is the gifts of the Holy Spirit that guide us in the knowledge of God. Again Fr. Dimitru cautions, Only after the mind is cleansed not only from the passions but also from simple images and representations of things, will the direct knowledge of God be produced...

The work of the Holy Spirit is like a light shining into a dark room. As the light increases, the contents of the room become known. Through illumination the Spirit will illumine our consciousness so that we are filled with divine light. With this light all things become transparent and their meaning and relationship with God become very clear. We are enabled to penetrate beneath the surface of things.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, as traditionally defined, are:

- 1) Wisdom: We receive the gift of wisdom to help us understand the things of God, and to direct our whole life and all our actions to his honor and glory. Wisdom helps us see the world differently and from God's point of view. "O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!" (Romans 11:33)
- 2) Understanding: The gift of understanding enables us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith. "I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord; and they shall be my people and I will be their God" (Jeremiah 24:7).
- 3) Counsel (also known as Right Judgment): The gift of counsel helps us to discern what is right and what is wrong. It



assists us in our ability to choose the path of God. "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Matthew 7: 13-14).

- 4) Knowledge: When we receive the gift of knowledge, it enables us to discover God's will in all things. "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give

you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

- 5) Piety (also known as Reverence): The gift of piety helps us to love God, our merciful Father, and to obey his precepts out of love for him. It moves our heart from serving God out of duty and obligation into a relationship of love. "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you" (John 15:15).
- 6) Fortitude (also known as Courage): While the gifts of knowledge and wisdom help us know what we should do, the gift of fortitude strengthens our will so that we can actually accomplish what is true, good and beautiful. This gift is sometimes called the gift of courage and helps a person stand firm, even when persecuted, in doing the right thing. "[T]hey will lay their hands on you and persecute you ... This will be a time for you to bear testimony ... I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict ... you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish" (Luke 21:12-17).
- 7) Fear of the Lord (also known as Wonder and Awe): Commonly misunderstood as the fear of a wrathful God ready to smite us, the gift of fear of the Lord is actually more positive than negative. It consists of a recognition of the grandeur of God and his primacy over all things. Fear of the Lord recognizes that God is the creator and sustainer of the universe and we are his creatures. This gift helps us to understand how we must depend on God for everything. In other words, he is God, we are not. "[I]f God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you" (Luke 12:27).

# ما هي عطايا الروح القدس



## نحتفل بعيد حلول الروح القدس أو عيد العنصرة المجيد المقدس

الذي يحتفل به في زمن الفصحى ويذكرنا بحلول  
الروح القدس على العذراء مريم والتلاميذ.  
عيد العنصرة هو أيضا عيد تأسيس الكنيسة

نتلقى مواهب الروح القدس  
السبع خلال المعمودية وهي  
بمثابة كنز عظيم يرشدنا في  
الحياة اليومية. هذه المواهب  
تجذبنا إلى قلب الله المفعم  
بالمحبة. نحن مباركون من  
قبل الله. وبالتالي هناك صلة  
موازية بين المواهب السبع  
والقداسة. فالأخيرة هي في  
الواقع ترجمتنا لمواهب  
الروح القدس.

### الحكمة

إنها الأهم من بين كل  
المواهب. الحكمة تقوي  
الحب في قلوبنا فمن خلال  
الحكمة يمكننا معرفة الله.  
الحب يتطلب موهبة الحكمة  
وفي الوقت نفسه فإن موهبة  
الحكمة تستحضر وتقوي  
وتديم الحب.

## عطايا الروح القدس

الفهم – القوة – مخافة الله – الحكمة – المشورة – العلم – التقوى

**التقوى**  
تساعدنا هذه الموهبة على المثابرة على  
الصلاة وعلى إنجاز أعمالنا بالطريقة  
التي ترضي الله. "طوبى للودعاء،  
لأنهم يرثون الأرض." (إنجيل القديس  
متى 5: 12) أي أولئك الذين  
يؤدون الواجبات التي يطلبها الله منهم.

### مخافة الله

هذه الموهبة ترسخنا في التواضع. نحن  
صغاء جدا أمام الله. من خلال هذه  
الموهبة يصبح الله أهم ما لدينا حيث  
نضع كل شيء آخر وراءنا. كذلك من  
خلال هذه الموهبة نسعى جاهدين  
للحفاظ على الله دائما قبل كل شيء.  
"طوبى للمساكين بالروح، لأن لهم  
ملكوت السموات." (إنجيل القديس  
متى 5: 12). أي أولئك الذين  
بأفكارهم ورغباتهم لا يطلبون سوى  
إرادة الله.

إذا شعرت في أي لحظة أنك بحاجة لأي موهبة من مواهب الروح القدس السبع إليكم هذه  
الصلاة التي كتبها القديس الفونس دو ليغوري:

أيها الروح القدس، أب الفقراء، معزي الحزائي ومقدس النفوس، ها أنا ساجد في  
حضرتك، أعبدك بأعمق مشاعر الخضوع، وأردد ألوف المرات مع السارافيم القانمين  
أمام عرشك: قدوس! قدوس! قدوس!  
يا من ملأت نفس مريم بنعم جمة وأشعلت قلوب الرسل بحماس مقدس، تنازل واشعل  
قلبي بحبك.

أنت صاحب جميع المواهب السماوية هبني:

موهبة الخوف التي قد تمنعني من الوقوع مرة أخرى في أخطاء الماضي والتي أطلب  
بسببها المغفرة منك ألف مرة.

موهبة التقوى كي أخدمك بحماسة أكبر في المستقبل وأتبع بلهفة وسرعة إشاراتك  
المقدسة وأراقب بدقة أكبر تعاليمك الإلهية.

موهبة العلم كي أعرف الله جيدا وأستشير من قبل تعاليمك المقدسة وأسير دون انحراف  
في طريق الخلاص الأبدي.

موهبة القوة كي أتغلب بشجاعة على جميع هجمات الشيطان وجميع أخطار العالم التي  
تعارض خلاص نفسي.

موهبة المشورة كي أختار كل ما هو الأنسب لضمان تقدمي الروحي وأكتشف كل  
المزالق والحيل والتجارب التي قد أتعرض لها.

موهبة الفهم كي أسمع الأسرار الإلهية جيدا وأركز على الأشياء السماوية من خلال  
الابتعاد عن المغريات الدنيوية الكثيرة في هذا العالم البائس.

موهبة الحكمة كي أقدم كل أفعالي إلى الله لأتمكن من خلال خدمته ومحبته في هذه  
الحياة أن أحصل على السعادة الأبديّة في السماوات.

آمين.

وبفضل هذه الموهبة نجد أنفسنا في حالة من النعمة: "طوبى لصانعي السلام، لأنهم أبناء  
الله يُدْعَوْنَ." (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 12). إن الذين يعارضون السلام من خلال أفعالهم  
ينقلون الصراعات إلى غيرهم.

بالنسبة لأولئك الذين يعتمدون على موهبة الحكمة يتوجه الإنجيل إليهم بهذه الكلمات:  
"طوبى للمطرودين من أجل البر، لأن لهم ملكوت السموات." (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 1-12).  
إذا قد نعاني أحيانا من سلوك عدائي أو مضايقات من أي نوع بسبب إخلاصنا لله.

### الفهم

هذه الموهبة تدعم إيماننا. إنها فهم ما يطلبه الله منا وما يحذرنا منه من خلال الوصايا.

هذه الموهبة تسمح لنا أن نفهم، على سبيل المثال، لماذا عانى يسوع ولماذا قام من بين  
الأموات. "طوبى للأنقياء القلب، لأنهم يُعَايِنُونَ الله." (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 8).

فناء القلب هو الحب الحقيقي. وكلما فهمنا إيماننا كلما أحببنا الله وأعجبنا به. كلما عرفنا  
مدى أهمية الله سنسعى جاهدين لعدم تفويت قداس يوم الأحد.

### المشورة

هذه الموهبة تعطينا القدرة على معالجة الفقر الروحي والمادي.

"طوبى للرحماء، لأنهم يُرْحَمُونَ." (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 12-1).

نحن مدعوون لممارسة الرحمة ونحن نخدم من خلال "أعمال الرحمة": نطعم الجياع  
ونزور المرضى ونقدم الفقراء ونساعد المسافرين ونعيد الأنفس الضالة إلى الطريق  
الصحيح.

### القوة

"طوبى للجياع والعطاش إلى البر، لأنهم يُشْبَعُونَ." (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 12-1).

من خلال القوة يمكننا المثابرة على إنجاز كل الأعمال التي يطلبها الله منا. هذه الموهبة  
تجعلنا لا نستسلم برغم التعب والعقبات التي قد تعترضنا.

### العلم

تسمح لنا هبة العلم أن نرى الحياة من وجهة نظر الله. ونحن قادرون على تمييز المسار  
الذي يقودنا إلى الخلاص الأبدي من الذي يمكن أن يؤدي بنا إلى الهلاك.

"طوبى للحرّائي، لأنهم يَتَعَرَّوْنَ." (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 12-1) أي الذين يندمون عن  
خطاياهم.





## The Kids' Bulletin



### *Come Holy Spirit!*

The feast of Pentecost came nine days after Jesus had ascended into Heaven. The disciples and Mary were praying together when the Holy Spirit suddenly came with the sound of a huge wind and what looked like flames of fire coming down on each of them. The apostles went right out and began to preach and teach people about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit comes to us in Baptism and lives in us whenever our souls are in a state of grace (when we don't have any serious sins.) He comes into us more whenever we receive a Sacrament, especially Confirmation. He helps us do what is right and serve God using all the gifts He gives us. The Holy Spirit, who is the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, draws us closer to God the Father and Jesus.

Pray to the Holy Spirit every day to help you to do everything for God. Then see how your life changes!



*Today is the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to Mary and the Apostles in the form of wind and tongues of fire.*

*Can you find your way through this maze and use the letters in your path to fill in the blanks?*

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# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MAY



أيار - مايو  
2021

April 2021

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June 2021

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Liturgical Symbols:  
 Abstain from meat  
 Church Major Feasts  
 Fast from midnight until noon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b> <b>أحد جميع القديسين</b> Hebrews 11:33-12:1 Matthew 10:32-38, 19:27-30	<b>31</b> St Hermias Romans 2:28-3:18 Matthew 6:31-34, 7:9-11					<b>1</b> Holy Prophet Jeremiah Acts 12:1-11 John 8:31-42
<b>2</b> <b>Sunday of Samaritan Woman</b> <b>أحد السامريّة</b> Acts 11:19-30 John 4:5-42	<b>3</b> Sts Timothy and Maura Acts 12:12-17 John 8:42-51	<b>4</b> St Pelagia Acts 12:25-13:12 John 8:51-59	<b>5</b> Leave-taking Mid-Paschaltide <b>وداع منتصف الخمسين</b> Acts 13:13-24 John 6:5-14	<b>6</b> Holy Prophet Job Acts 14:20-28, 15:1-4 John 9:39-10:9	<b>7</b> Holy Cross over Jerusalem Acts 15:5-12 John 10:17-28	<b>8</b> St John the Apostle 1 John 1:1-7 John 19:25-27, 21:24-25
<b>9</b> <b>Sunday of Man born Blind</b> <b>أحد الأعمى</b> Acts 16:16-34 John 9:1-38	<b>10</b> St Simon the Apostle Acts 17:1-9 John 11:47-54	<b>11</b> Foundation of Constantinople Sts Cyril and Methodios Acts 17:19-28 John 12:19-36	<b>12</b> Leave-taking of Easter <b>وداع الفصح</b> Acts 18:22-28 John 12:36-47	<b>13</b> <b>Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ</b> <b>صعود ربنا يسوع المسيح</b> Acts 1:1-12 Luke 24:36-53	<b>14</b> St Isidore Acts 19:1-8 John 14:1-11	<b>15</b> St Achillios of Larissa Acts 20:7-12 John 14:10-21
<b>16</b> <b>Fathers of 1<sup>st</sup> Council of Nicaea</b> <b>أحد الآباء المجتمعين في نيقية</b> Acts 20:16-18, 27-36 John 17:1-13	<b>17</b> St Andronicos Acts 21:8-14 John 14:27-15:7	<b>18</b> Sts Peter, Denis and companions Acts 21:26-32 John 16:2-13	<b>19</b> St Patrick of Prussa Acts 23:1-11 John 16:15-23	<b>20</b> St Thalleleos Acts 25:13-19 John 16:23-33	<b>21</b> Sts Constantine and Helena Leave-taking of Ascension <b>وداع الصعود</b> Acts 26:1, 12-20 John 10:1-9	<b>22</b> <b>St Rita ريتا</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Dead</b> <b>السبت الثاني للراقدين</b> Acts 28:1-31 John 21:14-25
<b>23</b> <b>Pentecost</b> <b>أحد العنصرة العظيم المقدس</b> Acts 2:1-11 John 7:37-52, 8:12	<b>24</b> <b>Monday of the Holy Spirit</b> <b>أثنين العنصرة</b> Ephesians 5:8-19 Matthew 18:10-20	<b>25</b> Third Finding of the Head of St John the forerunner 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Matthew 11:2-15	<b>26</b> St Carpus Romans 1:18-27 Matthew 5:20-26	<b>27</b> St Helladios Romans 1:28-2:10 Matthew 5:27-32	<b>28</b> St Eutyches Romans 2:14-28 Matthew 5:33-41	<b>29</b> Leave-taking of Pentecost <b>وداع العنصرة</b> Romans 1:7-12 Matthew 5:42-48

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.



*We are pleased to announce*

## **The Daily Divine Liturgy**

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

Tuesday through Friday at 9 A.M.

Saturday at 4 P.M.

Sunday at 11 A.M.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on**

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

*Remember me in your Kingdom*

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

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

**اذكرني في ملكوتك**

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من أجل الراقيدين على رجاء القيامة

في الأربعاء الأخير من كل شهر الساعة 6:30 مساءً



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Welcome to*

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## **"GOD LOVES THE CHEERFUL GIVER"**

### **2 COR 9:7**

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Thank you and God bless you and yours.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **Apply for the Arabic Educational Foundation of RI**

**Arabic Educational Foundation of RI  
is now accepting college scholarship applications**

**Scholarship Applicants must meet the following  
requirements:**

**High school seniors and current undergraduates of Arabic descent  
who are or will be enrolled as full-time students at an accredited  
college for the 2021-2022 academic year**

Eligibility information and applications can be found on the AEF website or  
Facebook. For more information, Please contact  
AEF board member: Theresa McMichael at [tmc michael@cox.net](mailto:tmc michael@cox.net)

**DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2021**

**VISIT [www.aef-ri.org](http://www.aef-ri.org)**

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## Reopening: Stay the course on safety

What you can safely do if you're vaccinated – if you're partially vaccinated or not vaccinated, you're more likely to get and spread COVID-19 doing these activities.

Fully vaccinated means you have all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and more than 14 days have passed since your final dose

CATEGORY	BEGINNING May 7 <sup>th</sup>	BEGINNING May 28 <sup>th</sup>
MASK WEARING	Required indoors and if less than 3ft spacing outdoors	Required indoors and if less than 3ft spacing outdoors
INDOOR DINING	80% indoors, 100% outdoors, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
BAR AREAS	For indoors: seated-only and plexiglass required	Indoor standing service, no plexiglass required
CATERED EVENTS	80% up to 200 indoors, 500 outdoors, recommended/required testing*, outdoor only; standing bar service and cocktail hours	100% capacity with no cap, indoor standing bar service and cocktail hours, open dance floors
HOUSES OF WORSHIP	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
RETAIL	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
GYMS, SPORTS & REC	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
PERSONAL SERVICES	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
VENUES OF ASSEMBLY	80% up to 500 indoors, no cap outdoors, 3 ft spacing DBR/municipal approval for 2,500+ events	100% capacity with no cap, 3 ft spacing indoors DBR/municipal approval for 2,500+ indoor events
FUNERAL HOMES	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
OFFICES	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
SOCIAL GATHERINGS	Up to 25 people indoors, 75 people outdoors	No limit
SPORTS	Apr. 26: Expanded Youth Sports attendance; high-risk indoor sports permitted to have competitions	Out-of-state teams can attend in-state tournaments

\*Required for student catered events; strongly recommended for other catered events

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## 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)

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

Last updated: 08/25/2020

A banner with a teal background featuring several blue, stylized virus particles. The text "COVID-19 UPDATE" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters with a slight drop shadow.

# COVID-19 UPDATE

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE - APRIL 12, 2021**

**DR. MARIE GHAZAL**

According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), presently, more than 20% of the U.S. population is fully vaccinated against the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2; the virus that causes the coronavirus disease [COVID-19]). This means that more than 68 million Americans – or about 1 in 5 – have received either one dose of Johnson & Johnson's vaccine or two doses of the vaccines from Moderna or Pfizer/BioNTech. More than 1 in 3 Americans have received at least one dose of vaccine (not yet fully vaccinated). As of this time, people aged 40 and over are eligible to schedule a vaccine appointment in Rhode Island. Information about how to schedule an appointment at a pharmacy or a vaccine can be found at [C19vaccineRI.org](https://www.c19vaccine.ri.org).

In Rhode Island, over 298,000 people (more than 28% of the total population) have already been fully vaccinated, according to RI Health Department data. The vaccines afford people protection from COVID-19. Public health experts have advised that if 80% of a community group is vaccinated “then the need for social distancing and the need for surveillance testing, dramatically decreases and in some cases goes away.” If people don’t want to or can’t accept a vaccine they should remain remote for certain situations.

## **What is recommended?**

Getting vaccinated is especially important as multiple versions of the COVID-19 virus develop (these are called variants), driving up the number of confirmed cases in 19 of the state’s 39 high risk states. It remains strongly encouraged to get vaccinated, regardless of one-shot Johnson & Johnson or 2 doses of Moderna or Pfizer/BioNTech. Any available shot is the best shot.

Additionally, all Rhode Islanders are encouraged to continue protecting their families, households, staff and customers at all times by: (1) Wearing a mask at all times possible; (2) Maintaining a physical distance of at least 6 feet from those not in their household; (3) Cleaning frequently touched or shared objects and washing hands frequently; (4) Limiting interactions with individuals outside of their household; (5) Getting tested often; (6) Getting vaccinated once eligible; (7) Working from home when possible; (8) Limiting non-essential travel out of state especially to hot spot states (states that have > 5% positivity rate).

The State of Rhode Island Updated COVID-19 Guidance and Requirements outlines frequently asked questions relating to restrictions for Businesses, including Houses of Worship (April 9, 2021). Churches may hold services – in indoor and outdoor settings – up to 75% capacity, with at least six feet physical distancing between households. It is also strongly encouraged to provide virtual services as an alternative to in-person services.

As more people are vaccinated, our state is continuing to make progress on easing restrictions while balancing public health and economic needs. Further information related to quarantine, isolation, and travel can be found at the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) website at [www.covid.ri.gov](https://www.covid.ri.gov).

## **References:**

Rhode Island Guidance on Reopening:

<https://reopeningri.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Protect-Your-Household-Guidance.pdf>

Rhode Island Department of Health provides comprehensive information on all aspects of COVID-19:

<https://covid.ri.gov/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw38->



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