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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



Holy and Glorious Pentecost Sunday أحد العنصرة

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Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

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

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

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

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.

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.

Troparion of St Basil :

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

Kondakion 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.

Acts of the Apostles. 2: 1-11

PROKIMENON (Tone 8)

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.

صلاة الأنديفونة

أيها الربُّ المحبُّ البشر، يا مَنْ أرسل اليوم نعمة روحه القدوس الإلهية على الرسل، إِنَّا نبتهل إليك أن تمنحنا إياها لئلاَّ قلوبنا بنور حضوره، فنقدِّم لك، بأصواتٍ لا تفتُر، ترنيماً مثلثاً التقديس، مستجِّين الثالث القدوس غير المنقسم أيها الآب والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكلَّ اوان وإلى دهر الداهرين.

نشيد العنصرة باللحن الثامن (3 مرات)

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

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

قنداق الختام للعنصرة باللحن الثامن

لما نزل العلي ولبل الألسن، قسَّم الأمم. وحيث وَّع الألسن النارية، دعا الجميع إلى الوحدة، فتمجَّد الروح القدس باتفاق الأصوات.

رسالة أحد العنصرة

مقدمة الرسالة

في كل الارض ذاع منطقتهم، والى اقاصي المسكونة كلامهم السماوات تذيع مجد الله، والفلك يُخبر بأعمال يديه





Our church organizations:

MAYA: Organization of Melkite Catholics ages 18 – 26 (and at least 1 year out of high school) under patronage of our bishop, the Most Reverend Nicholas Samra.
<https://melkite.org/maya>

MYO: Provides a common forum for all the young people of St. Basil's Church, and that the Organization initiate, coordinate, and direct religious, social, educational, and humanitarian programs designed to promote the involvement of its membership in the Christian Faith and the Melkite tradition.
www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com/myo.html

NAMW: Promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States.
<https://melkite.org/namw>



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."

الرسالة (اعمال الرسل 2: 1 – 11)

لما حلَّ يوم الخمسين، كان الرسل كلهم معاً في مكانٍ واحد. فحدثت بغتة صوتٌ من السماء، كصوت ريحٍ شديدة تعصف، وملاً كل البيت الذي كانوا جالسين فيه. وظهرت لهم ألسنة منقسمة كأنها من نار، واستقرت على كل واحدٍ منهم. فامتلاًوا كلهم من الروح القدس، وطفقوا يتكلمون بلغاتٍ 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 يسمعونهم ينطقون بلغته. فدهشوا جميعهم وتعجبوا قائلين بعضهم لبعض: أليس هؤلاء المتكلمون كلهم جليليين؟ فكيف نسمع كلٌّ منا لغته التي ولد فيها؟ نحن الفريسيين والمدايين والعيلاميين، وسكان ما بين النهرين واليهودية وكبادوكية. وبنطس وآسية، وفريجية وبمفيلية. ومصر، ونواحي ليبيا عند القيروان، والرومانيين المستوطنين واليهود والدخلاء والكريتيين والعرب، نسمعهم ينطقون بألسنتنا بعظائم الله. هلوليا

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

انجيل العنصرة (يوحنا 7: 37-52 & 8:12)

في اليوم الأخير العظيم من العيد، وقف يسوع وصاح قائلاً: إن عطش أحدٌ فليأت إلي 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: ألعَل المسيح يأتي من الجليل؟ ألم يُقَل 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 يمسخوه، ولكن لم يُلِق أحدٌ عليه يداً. ورجع الخدام إلى رؤساء الكهنة والفريسيين، فقال لهم أولئك: لم لم تأتوا به؟ فأجاب الخدام: إنه ما نطق إنساناً قط مثل هذا الإنسان. فأجابهم الفريسيون: ألعلمكم 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: ألعَل شريعتنا تحكم على إنسانٍ ما لم تسمع منه أولاً وتعلم ما فعل؟ فأجابوا وقالوا له: ألعلمك 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.





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.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

TODAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 4, AND SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022: PENTECOST SUNDAY, THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THE APOSTLES. BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH.

5:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **WALTER R. MOON** by Mrs. Alberta Mardo.
- + **MARJORIE NASHAWATY**, by Pamela Desmarais.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Ranim & Gilbert Nassar.
- + **ANNA MONDILLO** by Kenneth & Ann Sabbagh.
- + **WILLIAM T. ASERMELY** by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family (SC).
- + **STEVEN KANAKRY** by Mr. Dennis Dakake..
- + **PFC LOUIS E NOURY (78th Anniv.)** by his nieces & nephews.
- + **GABRIEL & HILDA GENNAOUI (Brooklyn, NY)** by their daughter, Marie Gennaoui.

10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ)** by Dr. Jason B. Boudjouk.
- + **LOUIS S. SARKAS, MATHILDE SARKAS, & ELIAS J. SARKAS** by Dr. Jennifer A. Sarkas.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by Samir & Hanaa Boudjouk.
- + **ROSE & HOUNEIN KHOURY** by Micheline Ghanem..
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by Tom & Sara Soucar.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: May 29, 2022: Budgets: \$1,559.00; Envelopes: \$1370.00; Loose: \$187.00; Candles: \$110.00; Stipends: \$65.00; Melkite Diocesan Support: \$348.00; Building Fund: \$95.00; Cook Book: \$30.00.

SCHEDULE CHANGE: We begin our Summer Liturgy Schedule today, Saturday, June 4 & Sunday, June 5, 2022. Beginning on these dates, there will be one Saturday evening Liturgy at 5:00 p.m. and only one Sunday morning Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Please pass on this notice to all family members, relatives, and friends who regularly attend services at St. Basil's.

GENERAL HOME VISITATIONS, SICK CALLS, HOSPITAL VISITS: Father Ephrem has been fully vaccinated and is now available for these parish services. Just email him at office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com and leave him your message. **PLEASE! NO GRATUITIES!** A cup of coffee or tea is just fine. He looks forward to in-person contact.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Presently effective, the schedule of offerings in the parishes is now: Liturgies: \$25.00; Funerals: \$300.00; Weddings: \$300.00; Baptisms: \$100.00.

Thus far, all Liturgy Offerings received from Funerals, which exceeded more than one year or even more, have had the maximum and minimum celebrations. Surplus ones have been deposited in the Building Fund, and placed on the altar and remembered collectively, similar to the customs of Spiritual Bouquets, Perpetual Mass Enrollments & Memorial Cards, as in Chapels, Shrines, & Monasteries.

May the memories of our beloved deceased rest in peace & be eternal. Many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these canonical guidelines and restrictions.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: All the faithful who have recently changed their address or who are planning to do so, please remember to inform the church office at (401) 722-1345. Please also be sure to update new telephone numbers because **there is a cost that the Church has to absorb which adds up slowly but surely.**

2022 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS are available – free for the taking – at the entrance of the Church. By following the liturgical cycle of the church year and remembering the Saints each day, is an excellent way to attach yourself more closely to the worshipping community, that is the church.

OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD, please remember to remove any chewing gum before entering the church building. Also, please place your pagers and cell phones on silent.

A VOCATION VIEW: At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the Upper Room and gave them new power and vigor to spread the message of the Gospel of Christ. The Spirit helped them understand the treasure of their faith and make it life-giving for others, each ministering according to his/her particular gifts, personality, "language" and culture. That same Spirit comes to all of us in Chrismation. It comes also in a special way in the Mystery of Holy Orders upon our priests. Pray for an increase of candidates willing to accept the priestly ministry for our Diocese.

REFLECTION: Simply having a Spirit-led testimony time = the New Testament concept of *ekklesia*.

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.



ما هي عطايا الروح القدس



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 للحرّاتى، لأنّهم يتّعرّضون.” (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 12-1)

عن خطاياهم.

التقوى

تساعدنا هذه الموهبة على المثابرة على الصلّاة وعلى إنجاز أعمالنا بالطريقة التي ترضي الله. “طوبى للودّعاء، لأنّهم يرثون الأرض.” (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 12-1) أي أولئك الذين يؤدون الواجبات التي يطلبها الله منهم.

مخافة الله

هذه الموهبة ترسّخنا في التواضع. نحن صفاء 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، لأنّ لهم ملكوت السمّوات.” (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 12-1). أي أولئك الذين بأفكارهم ورغباتهم لا يطلبون سوى إرادة الله.

إذا شعرتم في أي لحظة أنكم بحاجة لأي موهبة من مواهب الروح القدس السبع إليكم هذه الصلّاة التي كتبها القديس الفونس دو ليغوري:

أيها الروح القدس، أب الفقراء، معزّي الحزانى ومقدّس النفوس، ها أنا ساجدٌ في حضرتك، أعبدك بأعمق مشاعر الخضوع، وأردّد ألوف المرات مع السرافيم القائمين أمام عرشك: قدوس! قدوس! قدوس!

يا مَنْ ملأت نفسَ مريم بنعم جَمّة وأشعلت قلوبَ الرسل بحماسي مقدّس، تنازلْ واشعلْ قلبي بحبك.

أنت صاحب جميع المواهب السماوية هيني:

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 إشارتك 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 تقدّمِي الروحي وأكتشف كل المزالق والحيل والتجارب التي قد أتعرض لها.

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

موهبة الحكمة كي أقمّ كل أفعالي إلى الله لأنّني لا أستطيع من خلال خدمته ومحبته في هذه الحياة أن أحصل على السعادة الأبديّة في السمّوات.

آمين.

تتلقّى 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

إنّها الأهم من بين كل المواهب. الحكمة تقوّي الحب في قلوبنا فمن خلال الحكمة يمكننا معرفة الله. الحبّ يتطلب موهبة الحكمة وفي الوقت نفسه فإن موهبة الحكمة تستحضر وتقوي وتدبّر الحب.

ويفضل هذه الموهبة نجد أنفسنا في حالة من النعمة: “طوبى لصانعي السلام، لأنّهم أبناء الله يدعون.” (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 12-1). إن الذين يعارضون السلام من خلال أفعالهم ينقلون الصراعات إلى غيرهم.

بالنسبة لأولئك الذين يعتمدون على موهبة الحكمة يتوجّه الإنجيل إليهم بهذه الكلمات: “طوبى للمطرويين من أجل البرّ، لأنّ لهم ملكوت السمّوات.” (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 12-1). 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 يحدّثنا منه من خلال الوصايا.

هذه الموهبة تسمح لنا أن نفهم، على سبيل المثال، لماذا عانى يسوع ولماذا قام من بين الأموات. “طوبى للإنقياء القلب، لأنّهم يعبّثون 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 تقويت قدّاس يوم الأحد.

المشورة

هذه الموهبة تعطينا القدرة على معالجة الفقر الروحي والمادي.

“طوبى للرحمّاء، لأنّهم يرْحَمون.” (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 12-1).

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القوة

“طوبى للجياعِ والعطاشِ إلى البرّ، لأنّهم يشبّعون.” (إنجيل القديس متى 5: 12-1).

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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).

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PENTECOST



Today is the second biggest feast in the Church year! Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and the Church was formed. The Apostles went out and began to preach the Gospel and baptize thousands of people, receiving them into the new Church.

The Holy Spirit lives in the Church and works through the Church. He lives in the souls of all the people who are in a state of grace and He teaches us through the leaders of the Church.

Even the Bible, although it was written by many men, was really written by the Holy Spirit working through the authors.



We all need the Holy Spirit in our lives. We can't do anything by ourselves. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to do good. Did you know that we wouldn't even pray if the Holy Spirit didn't inspire us to?

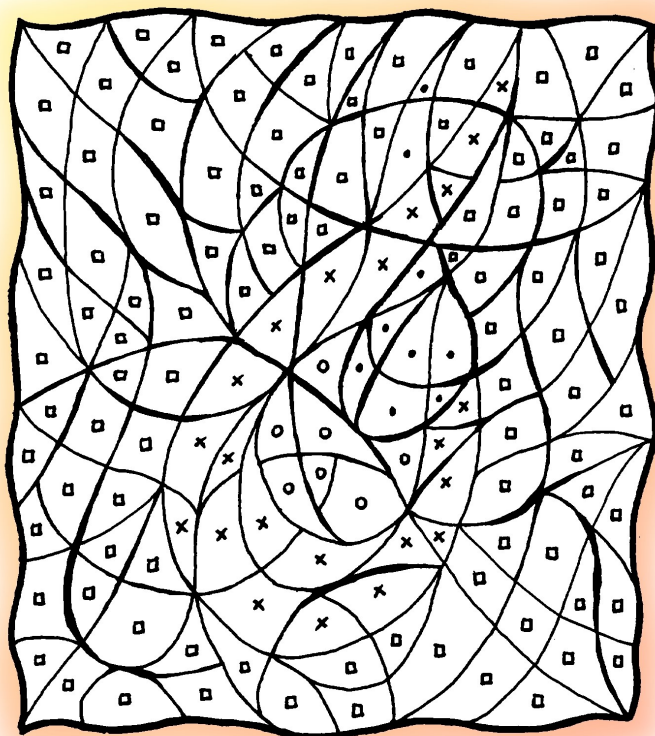


Say a prayer to the Holy Spirit that He will keep you close to God all your life.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday



In what form did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles on Pentecost?

Use this colour code to colour in the picture and find out!

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Know your Faith

WINDOWS INTO HEAVEN



ICONS: IMAGES OF GLORY

Icons play an important role in the spiritual life of Byzantine Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox. An icon is not merely a picture of Christ or of a saint, much less a religious decoration, but an expression of the most fundamental realities of our faith and a making present of the heavenly reality they depict.

GOD TRULY WITH US

The first reality of faith expressed in icons is that the Word of God truly and completely became one of us in Jesus Christ. He was not simply manlike: He was truly human, like us in all things except sin as the Scripture says. Our icons of Him proclaim the truth of His humanity while stressing His divinity as well. As St John of Damascus noted, "Of old God, the incorporeal and uncircumscribed, was not depicted at all. But now that God has appeared in the flesh, I make an image of the God who can be seen." This is why icons are not symbolic designs (depicting Christ in symbol, as a lamb, for in-

stance, is forbidden in Byzantine tradition) but realistic images of the One who is truly one of us.

Icons are realistic images, but they do not seek to depict the flesh of our fallen human nature, but the glorified bodies of those who are filled with the Holy Spirit. Sanctity is possible, the icon proclaims, and will fill even our bodies with the light of the Spirit of God. This is why the iconographer does not strive for the natural realism of a photograph. This would only reproduce the physical reality of this world. Rather his intention is to suggest spiritual beauty, transfiguration, deification. It also explains why the figures in icons are usually heavily draped with clothing. Naturalistic art exposes the flesh, glorying in physical beauty. In icons it is generally only the face and the eyes and – through them the soul – which are shown. In Byzantine icons the physical presentation is meant to be colored by the spiritual reality just as the body of Christ reflects divine glory in a physical way.

WINDOW TO HEAVEN

The icon has nothing in common with the decorative art we have in our homes, offices, or subway stations meant to adorn our living space. Icons are meant to call us to prayer, to an encounter with the Lord whom they reveal. This is why we pray before icons and fill our churches with them. We carry them in procession, bow before them and kiss them. A Byzantine church, in which all the walls are covered with holy icons, pulls us out of the mundane world of this age and into the life of the world to come. We see the effect of the grace of the Holy Spirit which we receive in the holy mysteries when the believer lives in this light of that grace.

The most customary manner of reverencing an icon in church is as follows: make one or two metanies then kiss the icon and then make a final metany, place your candle in the stand and move away. It is the custom in many places to kiss the feet on an icon of Christ, the hands on an icon of the Theotokos, and the forehead on the icon of a saint.


BLESSING AN ICON

Icons are often blessed simply by being placed on the holy table during the Divine Liturgy. There are also specific prayers for the blessing of icons, appropriate to the subject of the icon (Trinity, Christ, Theotokos, saints) as well as a general prayer which may be used for any icon. The priest would say the prayer then sprinkle the icon with holy water. Everyone would then venerate the newly-blessed icon. If a bishop is blessing the icon, he anoints it with chrism rather than with holy water.

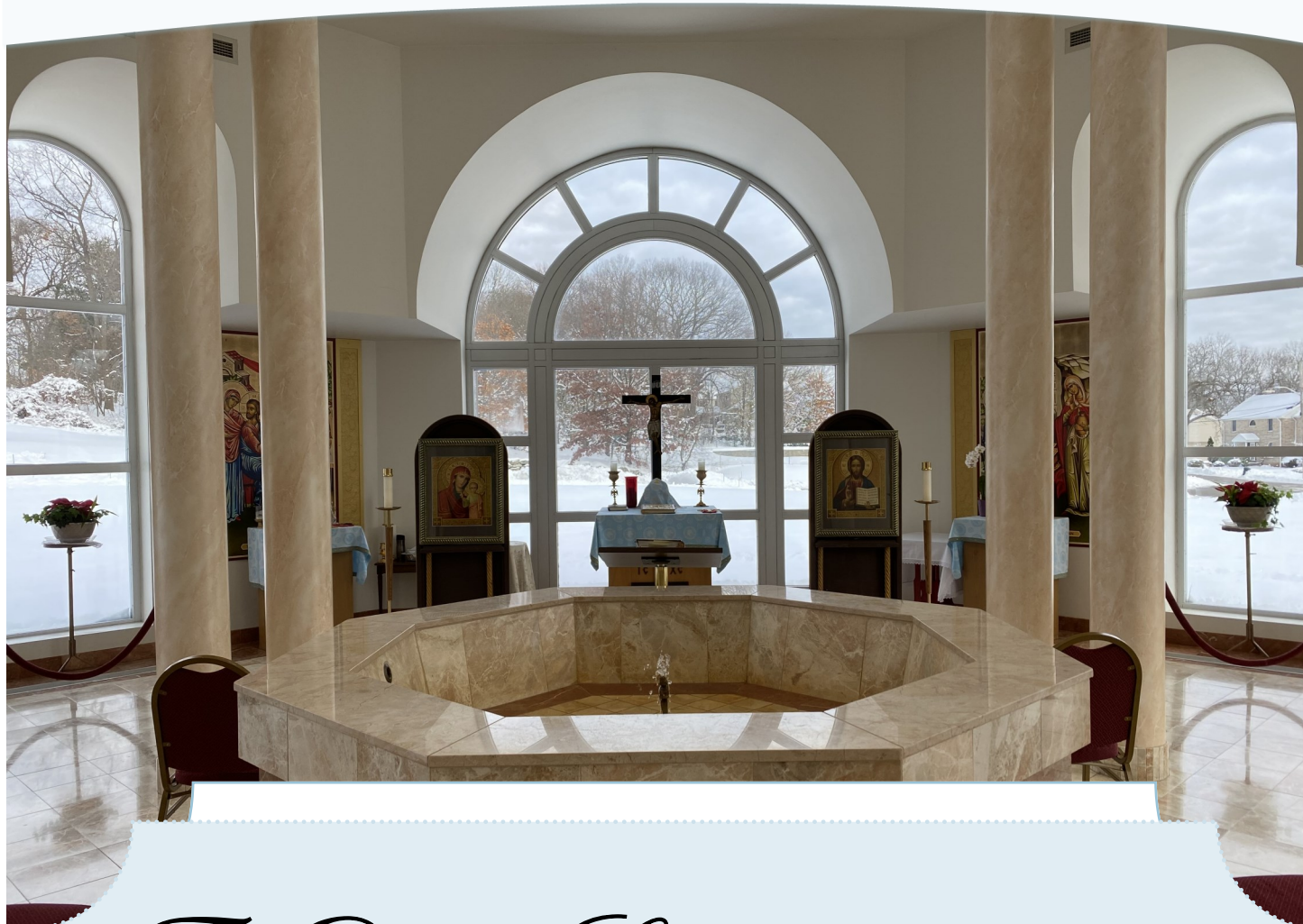


LITURGICAL CALENDAR



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	5 Pentecost أحد العنصرة العظيم المقدس Acts 2:1-11 John 7:37-52; 8:12	6 Monday of the Holy Spirit أثنين العنصرة Ephesians 5:8-19 Matthew 18:10-20	7 St Theodotos of Ancyra Romans 1:1-7, 13-17 Matthew 4:25-5:12	8 Relics of St Theodore Romans 1:18-27 Matthew 5:20-26	9 St Cyril of Alexandria Romans 1:28-2:10 Matthew 5:27-32	10 Sts Alexander and Antonina Romans 2:14-28 Matthew 5:33-41	11 Leave-taking of Pentecost وَدَاعَ العنصرة Romans 1:7-12 Matthew 5:42-48
	12 All Saints Sunday أحد جميع القديسين Hebrews 11:33-12:1 Matthew 10:32, 33, 37, 38; 19:27-30	13 Queen's Birthday St Aquilina Romans 2:28-3:18 Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11	14 Holy Prophet Elisha Romans 4:4-12 Matthew 7:15-21	15 Holy Prophet Amos Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 7:21-23	16 Feast of the Divine Body عيد الجسد الالهي 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 John 6:48-54	17 Beginning of the Apostles Fast بدء قطاعة الرسل Romans 5:17-6:2 Matthew 9:14-17	18 St Leontios Romans 3:19-26 Matthew 7:1-8
	19 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثاني بعد العنصرة Romans 2:10-16 Matthew 4:18-23	20 St Methodios of Patara Romans 7:1-13 Matthew 9:36-10:8	21 St Julian of Tarsus Romans 7:14-8:2 Matthew 10:9-15	22 St Eusebios of Samosata Romans 8:2-13 Matthew 10:16-22	23 Leave-taking of the Feast of the Divine Body وَدَاعَ جسد الرب Romans 8:22-28 Matthew 10:23-31	24 Nativity of St John the Forerunner مولد يوحنا المعمدان Romans 13:11-14:4 Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80	25 St Febronia Romans 3:28-4:3 Matthew 7:24-8:4
	26 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثالث بعد العنصرة Romans 5:1-10 Matthew 6:22-33	27 St Samson the Hosteller Romans 9:18-33 Matthew 11:2-15	28 Relics of Sts Cyrus and John روسلان بطرس ويولس Romans 10:11-11:2 Matthew 11:16-20	29 Sts Peter and Paul the Apostles الرسولان بطرس وبولس 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 Matthew 16:13-19	30 Synaxis of the Apostles محفل مقدس للرسل 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:36-10:8		

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy is celebrated

At St. Elias Chapel

|(St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church)

Tuesday to Friday at 9:00 am (Postponed until further notice)

Weekend Divine Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 pm — Sunday: 10:00 am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available
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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$406,085



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 42%

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

Current & Future Projects:



Roof Repair: Contract Signed - March 2022, estimated cost \$400,000, awaiting start date



Mold Remediation: Proposals received, no remediation necessary, estimated cost \$0



Window Repairs: Proposals received, estimated cost \$9,000



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000



Flooring Upgrades: Acquiring Proposals



Parking Lot & Walkway Repairs:
Proposals received, asphalt estimated cost \$14,000, awaiting walkway quotes



Interior Repairs: Partial proposals received, estimated cost \$6,000



Walk In Cooler & Kitchen Repairs: Reviewing needs and potential options



Exterior/Masonry Repairs:



Door Upgrades:

Important Highlights

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



For more information contact any of the committee members, [click here](#), or scan this code with your Smartphone Camera!

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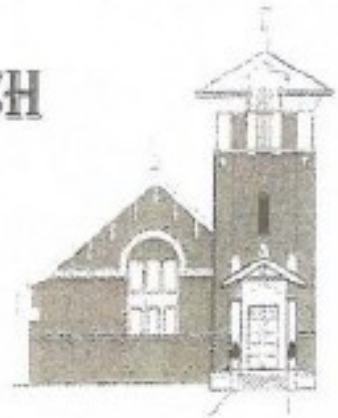
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5/3/2022

Hello Everyone,

Christopher and Deborah Thomas, along with our Finance Committee and Parish Council, want to take this opportunity to extend a warm invitation to you, your family, and friends to join us here at St. George Maronite Catholic Church during the weekend of July 9th and 10th, 2022 for two great events celebrating in one glorious affair!

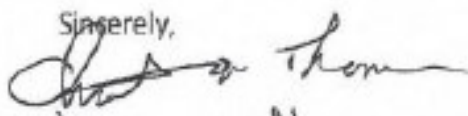
On July 9th and 10th, Our Bishop, His Excellency Gregory J. Mansour will be visiting our Parish. At this same event, we will be celebrating Fr. Tony Saab's 25 years Ordination to the Priesthood. The festivities will begin with a concelebrated Liturgy honoring the bishop's visit and Fr. Saab's Ordination on Saturday, July 9th at 4:00pm in our Church.

Following Mass, a dinner will be held at St. Basil the Great Church and Cultural Center, 15 Skyview Drive, Lincoln, RI. Cocktail hour will be held from 6:00 to 7:00pm and followed by a delicious Arabic dinner catered by Opa Restaurant. Dinner tickets will go on sale in a few weeks: Adults \$60.00, Children \$30.00. Seating will be limited to 300-person capacity, so tickets must be purchased in advance of this event. The **deadline** for purchasing these tickets is June 26, 2022.

We request jackets be worn and proper attire observed by all those attending the formal dinner. Also, A special Coffee Hour will be held on Sunday, July 10th after the 10:30am Liturgy in our Church Hall.

We are privileged to host these events to highlight our love and respect for our Church and our commitment to our Parish Community. Please honor us with your presence and extend a sincere and heartfelt welcome to His Excellency, Bishop Gregory J. Mansour and to congratulate Fr. Tony Saab for his 25 years of dedication to the priesthood.

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