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## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Baptisms:** Please arrange with the pastor.

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### Meat-Fare Sunday

**Antiphon Prayer**

O Christ, Our God, You were sent by the Father, not to judge the world, but to save it. We ask You in your boundless Compassion: Assist our weakness. Overcome our selfishness. Teach us to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked and to serve all people faithfully for your sake. Then we shall deserve to hear your Divine Voice saying: "Come you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

For You are our Life and our Hope, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, and to your Eternal Father, and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Troparion of the resurrection (3rd tone)**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad! For the Lord has done a wondrous deed by his arm! He has crushed Death by his death becoming the first to rise from the dead. He has delivered us from the mouth of Hades and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

**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 Meat-Fare Sunday**

O God, when You shall come down upon earth in your glory, every creature shall tremble before You. A river of fire shall flow before your judgment-seat, the books shall be opened and all secrets revealed. On that day, O Just Judge, deliver me from eternal fire and make me worthy to stand at your right!

**Hirmos**

It is truly right to call you blessed, O Theotokos, You are ever-blessed and all blameless, and the Mother of our God. Higher

### أحد مرفع اللحم

**صلاة الأنديفونة**

أيها المسيح إلهنا، يا من أرسله الله الآب لا ليدن العالم بل ليخلص به العالم، نسألك حنوناً الذي لا قياس له أن تساعد ضعفنا، وتحد من أنانيتنا، فتعلم كيف نطعم الجوع ونكسو العراة ونحنو على المتألمين، ونخدم الجميع بإخلاص حباً لك، فنستحق أن نسمع من فمك الإلهي: تعالوا يا مباركي أبي، رثوا الملك المعد لكم منذ إنشاء العالم.

لأنك أنت حياتنا ورجاؤنا، أيها المسيح إله، واليك نرفع المجد والشكر والسجود، وإلى أبينا الأزلّي وروحك القدوس الصالح والمحيي، الآن وكلّ أوان

**نشيد القيامة بالحن الثالث**

لتفرح السماويات، وتبتهج الارضيات. لأن الرب صنع عزاً بساعده، ووطى الموت بالموت، وصار بكر الاموات، وأنقذنا من جوف الجحيم، ومنح العالم عظيم الرحمة.

**طروبارية القديس باسيليوس**

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

**نشيد الختام لمرفع اللحم**

متى أتيت يا الله على الأرض بمجد، وارتعد كل شيء، وجرى نهر النار أمام المنبر، وفُتحت الكتب، وأعلنت الخفايا، حينئذ أنقذني من النار التي لا تطفأ، وأهلي للوقوف عن يمينك، أيها القاضي العادل.

**النشيد لولادة الإله**

إنه واجب حق أن نعظمك، يا والدة الإله، الدائمة الغبطة، والمُزهة عن كل عيب، وأم إلهنا يا من هي





### 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.

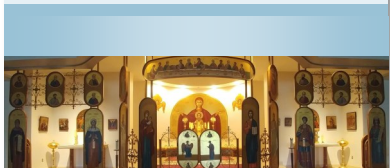
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**MYO:** Provides a common forum for all the young people of St. Basil's Church, and that the Organization initiate, coordinate, and direct religious, social, educational, and humanitarian programs designed to promote the involvement of its membership 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>



in honor than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, You gave birth to God the Word in virginity, You are truly Mother of God. You do we exalt.

### Epistle

Prokimenon (Tone 2) Psalm 117:14,18

My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my Savior.

Stichon: The Lord has chastised me through his teaching, yet he has not delivered me to death.

Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brethren, food does not commend us to God. For neither shall we gain any advantage if we eat, nor suffer any loss if we do not. And yet, beware lest perhaps this right of yours become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if a man sees you who "have knowledge" sitting at table in a place dedicated to idols, will not his conscience, weak as it is, be emboldened to eat idol offerings? And through your "knowledge" the weak one will perish, the brother for whom Christ died. Now, when you sin in this way against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, you are sinning against Christ. Therefore if food scandalizes my brother, I will never again eat any more meat so as not to scandalize my brother.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? And if to others I am not an apostle, yet to you I am. For you are the seal set upon my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia (Tone 2) Psalm 19:1; 27:9

The lord shall hear you on the day of distress; the name of the God of Jacob shall defend you.

Stichon: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25, 31-46 (Last Judgement)

The Lord said, "At that time when the Son of Man shall come in his majesty, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory; and before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and he will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the king will say to those on his right hand, Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; naked and you covered me; sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the just will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you; or thirsty, and give you to drink? And when did we see you a stranger, and take you in; or naked, and clothe you? Or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you?' And answering, the King will say to them, 'Amen I say to you, every time you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me.' Then he will say to those on his left hand, 'Go away from me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his ministers. For I was hungry, and you did not give me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take me in; naked and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Amen I say to you as long as you did not do it for one of these least ones, you did not do it for me.' And these will go into everlasting punishment, but the just into everlasting life."

أكرم من الشروبيم، وأمجّد بلا قياس من السرافيم، يا من ولدت الله الكلمة وَلَبِثَتْ بتولاً، إنكِ حقاً والدّة الإله. أياكِ نَعظم.

### مقدمة الرسالة

الربّ قوتي وتسبيحي، لقد كان لي خلاصاً  
أدبني الربّ تأديباً، وإلى الموت لم يسلمني

الرسالة (1 كورنثس 8: 8 الى 9: 2)

يا إخوة، إنّ الطّعام لا يُقرّبنا إلى الله، لأنّا إنّ أكلنا لم نَرُدّد وإنّ لم نأكل لم نَنقُص. ولكن احذروا ان يكون سلطانكم هذا معثرة للضعفاء. فإنه إن رآك أحد، أنت الذي لك العلم، مُتَكِناً في بيت الاوثان، أفلا يتقوّ ضميره، إذ هو ضعيف، على أكل ذبائح الاوثان؟ فيهلك، بسبب علمك، الأخ الضعيف الذي مات المسيح لأجله. وهكذا إذ تخطئون إلى الاخوة، وتجرّحون ضميرهم الضعيف، انما تخطئون إلى المسيح. فلذلك إن كان الطّعام يشكك أخي، فلا أكل اللحم إلى الابد، لنلأ أشكك أخي. أسست رسولا؟ أسست حراً؟ أما رأيست يسوع المسيح ربنا؟ أستمتم عملي في الرب؟ إن لم أكن رسولا إلى آخرين، فإني رسول اليكم، لأنّي خاتم رسالي هو أنتم في الرب.

هللوا

ليستجلب لك الربّ في يوم الضيق، ليعضدك اسم  
إله يعقوب

خلص يا ربّ شعبك، وبارك ميراثك

### انجيل أحد مرفع اللحم

قال الرب: متى جاء ابن الانسان في مجده، وجميع الملائكة القديسين معه، حينئذ يجلس على عرش مجده. وتُجمع لديه كل الامم فيُميز بعضهم من بعض، كما يميز الراعي الخراف من الجداء. وسيقم الخراف عن يمينه والجداء عن يساره. حينئذ يقول الملك للذين عن يمينه: تعالوا يا مباركي أبي، رثوا الملك المعد لكم منذ انشاء العالم. لأنّي جعت فأطعمتموني، وعطشتم فسقمتوني، كنت غريباً فأويتموني، وعرباناً فكسوتوني، ومريضاً فعلّمتوني، وكنت محبوساً أتيتكم إليّ. حينئذ يجيبه الصديقون قائلين: يا رب، متى رأيناك جائعاً فأطعمناك، أو عطشان فسقيناك، ومتى رأيناك غريباً فأويناك، أو عرباناً فكسوتناك. ومتى رأيناك مريضاً أو محبوساً فأتينا إليك؟ فيجيب الملك ويقول لهم: الحق أقول لكم، إنكم كلما فعلتم ذلك بأحد إخوتي هؤلاء الصغار في فعلتموه. حينئذ يقول أيضاً للذين عن يساره: اذهبوا عني يا ملاعين إلى النار الابدية المعدة لإبليس وملائكته. لأنّي جعت فلم تطعموني، وعطشتم فلم تسقوني، وكنت غريباً فلم تؤووني، وعرباناً فلم تكسوني، ومريضاً ومحبوساً فلم تزوروني. حينئذ يجيبونه هم أيضاً ويقولون: يا رب متى رأيناك جائعاً أو عطشان أو غريباً أو عرباناً أو مريضاً أو محبوساً ولم نخدمك؟ حينئذ يجيب ويقول لهم: الحق أقول لكم، كلما لم تفعلوا ذلك بأحد هؤلاء الصغار في لم تفعلوه. فيذهب هؤلاء إلى عقاب أبدي، والصديقون إلى الحياة الابدية





## ST. BASIL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** January 31, 2021: Budgets: \$3,290.00; Envelopes: \$3,265.00; Loose: \$ 25.00; Stipends: \$1,055.00; Candles: \$62.00; Addit'l Fuel: \$26.00; Building Fund: \$120.00; Melkite Support: \$154.

Next weekend, Saturday, February 13, and Sunday, February 14, there will be a special collection taken up for your **FUEL OFFERINGS**. Please be generous in your support.

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.

**PRAYERS FOR FR. DANIEL NASSANEY:** For several years now, Fr. Dan has been stationed in Minnesota on the Canadian Border and has recently been named Pastor of the Parish served by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Three weeks ago, he was transferred to the Provincial House in Tewksbury, MA, where he served for a length of time. Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with a rare case of leg cancer and had begun 25 radiation sessions to shrink the cancer over five or six weeks followed by a month of rest before cutting out the tumor. He is presently under the care of DANA FARBER CANCER RESEARCH HOSPITAL in Boston, MA. Please remember him in your prayers, as he in turn remembers you. 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.

**RULE OF FASTING IN THE EPARCHY OF NEWTON:** So as not to burden anyone's conscience, the Holy Synod of the Melkite Church permits each Eparchial Bishop to ease the canonical obligations of fasting, while, at the same time, exhorts all the faithful to fast according to the ancient tradition. The minimum rule that Melkites in the Eparchy of Newton must observe:

*Fasting* from all food and drink from midnight until noon must be observed on the first day of Great Lent (Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>), and on the last three days of Holy Week, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). *Abstinence*, at least from meat, must be observed on every Friday of Great Lent. These requirements are the minimum. The faithful are encouraged to do more, such as abstaining from meat every Wednesday or throughout the whole of Great Lent.

**REFLECTION:** He that respects himself is safe from others. *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.*

**MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:** The three Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist are always celebrated together in one ceremony. One month notice is required and one baptismal preparation meeting is required with the pastor.

**MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSIONS:** In one way or another, we have neglected God. None of us have lived a perfect life. No matter what we have done, we can always return home. Available weekly one hour before the Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

**MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING:** Six month notice, an initial meeting with the priest, marriage preparation sessions are required. You must be an active member of the parish.

**MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING:** Available for anyone who is ill. Please contact Fr. Ephrem.

**IN GOOD STANDING:** For your Pastor to sign letters of recommendation, family and student school related papers, character reference or any civil document for a registered parishioner, one must be in good standing with the Church, spiritually and giving noticeable TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE on a regular and continuing basis to our parish.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is no charge for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments). However, it is appropriate to offer a gift of thanksgiving. Following are the suggested offerings to the Church for parishioners who request pastoral services. Liturgy \$10.00; 40-Day Memorial \$35.00; Baptism \$75.00; Wedding \$300.00; Funeral \$300.00.

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, FEBRUARY 6, AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021: EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER. MEAT-FARE SUNDAY.**

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

- + **JOAN ZAINYEH (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)** by her Family.
- + **LILA HANNA (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by her loving Family.
- + **GEORGE KAHLA** by M/M Edward Fayan.
- + **ANNIE KOUSSA (18<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by M/M Frederick Koussa.
- + **PETER AUGER** by the Family.
- + **JOSEPH HARRAKA** by Mrs. Mary Elmer & Family.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by George & Jeanne Harraka
- + **STEVEN KILSEY** by his brother Jeffrey Kilsey.
- + **ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE** by the Family.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.

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

- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY (40 Day)** by the Family.
- + **ANGELA (YANY) MAZZONE (40 Day)** by the Family.
- + **LYLA AL DARAZI** by Andrea Darazi & Sara Darazi.
- + **KAREEM REZEK** by Andrea Darazi & Sara Darazi.
- + **LOUISE AMEEN (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by Judy Wilchynski & Family.
- + **GEORGE DECKEY** by George & Sherine Mussalli & Family.
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by M/M Michael Kanakry.
- + **JOSEPH P. AZAR, JR.** by Hon. Thomas Lazieh & Sons.
- + **GEORGE BOUDJOUK** by Rosalyn Capaldi.
- + **YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by Jason Boudjouk.
- + **MICHAEL ALAM** by Barbara & Elias Deeb.
- + **ALICE SARKAS NASSANEY** by Sarah Peters.
- + **GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL** by M/M Justin Boudjouk.
- + **MARIE CLAIRE CHOUHA** by Justin & Danielle Boudjouk & Family
- + **ALBERT ALBA, SR.** by Delores & Lorian Agag.
- + **JEAN & VIVIAN BRAHIMSHA** by Tony & Myrna Brahimsa & Family.
- + **ROBERT D. KING, SR.** by Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki.
- + **GEORGE & ANTOINETTE ESPER** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **FRANCIS A. SAGGAL** by Mrs. Helen Lacy.
- + **ALBERT J. KISHFY** by Albert G. Kishfy & Family.
- + **YOUSSEF AGHIA** by Dennis Dakake.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **LINDA ALKHOULY HADDAD** by Nicolas & Fadia Sarkis.
- + **ROSE KHOURY** by Dr. Roland & Micheline Ghanem.
- + **RUTH PERRY** by Kenneth, Ann, Allyson & Kimberly Sabbagh.
- + **JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by the Family.
- + **ELIAS J. KISHFY** by M/M Charles Mardo & Family.
- + **YOUSSEF MADOUR** by John Khoury & Family.
- + **HOLY & FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY** by M/M Joseph Saggal.



### 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.





# Judgement Sunday



The Sunday of the Last Judgment is the third Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. During this time, the services of the Church have begun to include hymns from the Triodion, a liturgical book that contains the services from the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), through Great and Holy Saturday. On this day, focus is placed on the future judgment of all persons who will stand before the throne of God when Christ returns in His glory.

At His coming, “He will sit on the throne of His glory,” and all of the nations will be gathered before Him. He will separate them “as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats” (v. 32). The sheep will be placed on His right hand, and the goats on the left.

To the sheep, He will say “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (vv. 33-34)

This kingdom is offered to the sheep because of their compassion and service to those in need. Jesus says, “...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.”

The commemoration for this Sunday is taken from the parable of our Lord Jesus Christ concerning his Second Coming and the Last Judgment of all, both the living and the dead. In Matthew 25:31-46, Christ speaks about what will happen at this specific point in time when He will “come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him” (v. 31).

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Christ the King, seated on His throne of judgment, will then turn to the goats on His left and say, “Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (v. 41). He will condemn them because they did not feed Him when He was hungry, give Him drink when He was thirsty, take Him in when He was a stranger, clothe Him when He was naked, visit Him when He was sick or in prison.

The goats will ask the Lord, “When did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?” Then He will answer them saying, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me” (vv. 42-45).

Jesus concludes His words on the Last Judgment by stating that those on the left “will go away into everlasting punishment, but the

righteous into eternal life” (v. 46).

On the past two Sundays of this pre-Lenten period, the focus was placed on God’s patience and limitless compassion, of His readiness to accept every sinner who returns to Him. On this third Sunday, we are powerfully reminded of a complementary truth: no one is so patient and so merciful as God, but even He does not forgive those who do not repent. The God of love is also a God of righteousness, and when Christ comes again in glory, He will come as our Judge. Such is the message of Lent to each of us: turn back while there is still time, repent before the End comes.

This Sunday sets before us the eschatological dimension of Lent: the Great Fast is a preparation for the Second Coming of the Savior, for the eternal Passover in the Age to Come, a theme that is also the focus of the first three days of Holy Week. But the judgment is not only in the future. Here and now, each day and each hour, in hardening our hearts toward others and in failing to respond to the opportunities we are given of helping them, we are already passing judgment on ourselves.

Another theme of this Sunday is that of love. When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgment? The parable of the Last Judgment answers: love—not a mere humanitarian concern for abstract justice and the anonymous “poor,” but concrete and personal love for the human person—the specific persons that we encounter each day in our lives.

Christian love is the “possible impossibility” to see Christ in another person, whoever he or she is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a “good deed” or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself.

The parable of the Last Judgment is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for “humanity,” yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ’s love. We know that all persons ultimately need this personal love—the recognition in them of their unique soul in which the beauty of the whole creation is reflected in a unique way. We also know that people are in prison and are sick and thirsty and hungry because that personal love has been denied them. And, finally, we know that however narrow and limited the framework of our personal existence, each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God, made responsible by that very gift of Christ’s love. Thus, on whether or not we have accepted this responsibility, on whether we have loved or refused to love, shall we be judged.

# أحد الدينونة - أحد مرفع اللحم



الكرسي هنا هو العرش. هو المكان الذي يجلس عليه صاحب السلطان أي الملك، ولا يحق لأحد غيره الجلوس عليه. من العرش تصدر الأحكام، فهو المكانة العليا التي من خلالها يرى الجالس عليه كل شيء، بما أنه الناظر والمراقب والقاطع باستقامة كلمة حق. ونلاحظ في الكنيسة وضع أيقونة المسيح الكاهن الأعظم على العرش المخصص للأسقف. فالأسقف هو أيقونة المسيح في الكنيسة بين أبنائه المؤمنين.

## ٥- هل تعلم أن الرب يسوع المسيح هو الراعي الصالح؟

وقف يسوع في وسط الشعب وقال: "أنا هو الراعي الصالح، والراعي الصالح يبذل نفسه عن الخراف" (يوحنا ١٠: ١١). ربط الرب عمل الراعي ببذل الذات، أي بالفداء، لذا شبه نفسه بالراعي. تشبيه رائع يُشير إلى من يسهّر على خرافه ويعرفها واحدة واحدة، وهي تعلم صوته وتنبهه، وهو يحميها من الثعالب الماكرة. كذلك كان الرب من العهد القديم يصرخ ويقول "وَيْلٌ لِلرَّعَاةِ الَّذِينَ يَهْلِكُونَ وَيُيَدِّدُونَ غَنَمَ رِعْيَتِي" (إرميا ٢٣: ١)، وأنه سيجازي الرعاة الذين لم يسألوا عن غنمهم، بل انشغلوا عنها بأنفسهم: "صَارَتْ غَنَمِي مَآكِلًا لِكُلِّ وَحْشِ الْحَقْلِ، إِذْ لَمْ يَكُنْ رَاعٍ، وَلَا سَأَلَ رُعَاتِي عَنْ غَنَمِي، وَرَعَى الرُّعَاةُ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَلَمْ يَزْعُوا غَنَمِي" (حزقيال ٣٤: ٨).

## ٦- هل تعلم أن المسيح تجسد لأتة عاشق لكل واحد منّا، وأننا سنحاسب على المحبة التي نستمدّها منه وترجمها أفعالاً؟

يقول القديس باسيليوس الكبير (٣٣٠-٣٧٩م): "الذي تُساعده بِمَحَبَّةٍ صَادِقَةٍ يَشْفَعُ بِنَا فِي السَّمَاءِ". المسيحية هي هذا الإنسان الآخر. فأمام العطاء تنكشف غورنا، ويظهر ضعفنا، وتتعرّى أنانيتنا، ونعلن عبادتنا لذاتنا، وانغلاقنا على أنفسنا، وكل هذا يُختمم بعدم شعورنا بالآخر. يُجمّع الآباء القديسون أن عدم جسّ سقوط للإنسانية، بحيث لا نفقد خواصنا الخمس فحسب، بل نمسي جثّة هامدة لا حياة فيها، مُنقطعين عن الله والآخر وذواتنا، قابعين في سجن انعدام نور المحبة. في يوم الدينونة الزهيب نحن من يحكم على أنفسنا. فنحن لا نحاسب فقط على ما فعلناه، بل على قدر المحبة التي كنّا قادرين على تقديمها فأحجمنا. ولا يتباهين أحد بأفعاله، إذ أمام عظمة محبة يسوع تنكشف محدودية محبتنا.

## ٧- هل تعلم لماذا شبه الرب الأبرار (المباركين) بالخراف، والأشرار (الملاعين) بالجداء؟

كان الرب يستعمل صوراً من بيئة الإنسان لما فيها من تدخّل بين العمق والبساطة. لذا لا بُدّ من العوص في معانيها. الجدّي صغير الماعز، والكبير فيها هو التيس. يُضرب به المثل في التهم إلى الأكل والجنس وفي العصيان. أما ذكر الغنم فهو الكبش، والأنثى نعجة، وصغيرهما الحمل. الخراف وديعة، على عكس الجداء التي تُنصف بالشراسة والعدوانية.

الجدّي ينظر إلى أسفل، أمّا الحمل فرأسه مرفوع، وكأنّ الجداء تمثّل الإنسان الذي يشتهي الأرضيات، بينما تمثّل الخراف الإنسان الذي يتطلّع إلى السماوات. وأيضاً تدقّ الخراف بعضها بعضاً، إذ يتكلّ كل واحد منها رأسه على الآخر، وهذا ما لا تفعله الجداء. هذه صورة عن الجماعة الواحدة.

## هل تعلم أن أحد الدينونة هو مرفع اللحم حيث نتوقف عن تناول اللحوم على رجاء الكف عن نهش لحم بعضنا بعضاً؟

يقول القديس يوحنا الذهبي الفم: "جميل أن تحرم نفسك أكل لحوم الطيور والحيوانات، ولكن الويل لمن يستمر في أكل لحم إخوته". المسيحية هي حبنا للآخر، لأن المسيح هو في كل واحد منا. المسيحية لا تتكلّم على حياة روحية فحسب، بل حياة كاملة يتلاحم فيها الجسد والروح في حجّ ملكوتي إلى الحالة الفردوسية الأولى التي كانت قبل سقوط الإنسان، حيث كان الجدان الأولان في سلام مع كل المخلوقات على الأرض.

في زمن التريودي، تدعونا الكنيسة إلى استعادة حالتنا السلامية مع الله والآخر ومع ذاتنا.

## ٢- هل تعلم ما معنى تسمية "ابن الانسان" في كلام الرب يسوع المسيح عن الدينونة؟

"ابن الإنسان" هو الديان العادل الذي رآه دانيال النبي آتياً على السحاب، وتسجد أمامه جميع الشعوب (دانيال ٧: ١٣). هو صورة عن المسيح المنتظر الذي تتعبّد له كل الشعوب. من هنا نلاحظ في إنجيل هذا الأحد أن "ابن الانسان" يُخاطب بعبارة "يا رب".

هذه التسمية توازي أيضاً لقب "ابن الله". يقول الرب: "فَإِنَّ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ سَوْفَ يَأْتِي فِي مَجْدٍ أَبِيهِ مَعَ مَلَائِكَتِهِ، وَجَيِّدٌ يُجَازِي كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ حَسَبَ عَمَلِهِ". (متى ١٦: ٢٧). لاحظوا عبارة "مجد أبيه". ولا نفهم تسمية "ابن الله" بالمفهوم البشري، حاشا، بل تشير إلى أن المسيح هو الله المتجسد، الواحد في الجوهر مع الله الآب والله الروح، وهم إله واحد في ثلاثة أقانيم. تماماً مثل الشمعة المضيئة التي تعطي النور والنار والحرارة وهذه واحد غير منفصلة ولا فارق في الزمن ما بينها.

فهذه التسمية الجوهرية "ابن الله" لها معنى لاهوتي مهم جداً في الإيمان المسيحي، وتجلّت بظهور الله بالجسد أي الرب يسوع المسيح.

## ٣- هل تعلم أن الرب يسوع يُسمّى "ابن الله" لأتة المسيح المنتظر ومُتمّم كل النبوءات؟

جَنّ جُنُونٌ رَئِيسَ الْجَمْعِ الْيَهُودِيِّ وَشَقَّ ثِيَابَهُ عِنْدَمَا سَأَلَ يَسُوعَ «أَنْتَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ الْمُبَارَكِ؟» فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: «أَنَا هُوَ. وَسَوْفَ تُبْصِرُونَ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ جَالِسًا عَنْ يَمِينِ الْقُوَّةِ، وَآتِيًا فِي سَحَابِ السَّمَاءِ». (مرقس ١٤: ٦١-٦٣).

هذا الجواب حُسِبَ تجديدًا لأن يسوع طَبّقَ رؤيا النبي دانيال على نفسه (دانيال ٧: ١٣) مُساوياً نفسه بالله. كذلك كلام الرب للكتبة "وَلَكِنْ لِكَيْ تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ سَلْطَانًا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ أَنْ يَقْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا" (متى ٩: ٢٠-٧)، عندما قال للمفلوج مغفورة لك خطاياك، هو تأكيد لألوهية ابن الإنسان، لأن الله وحده يغفر الخطايا.

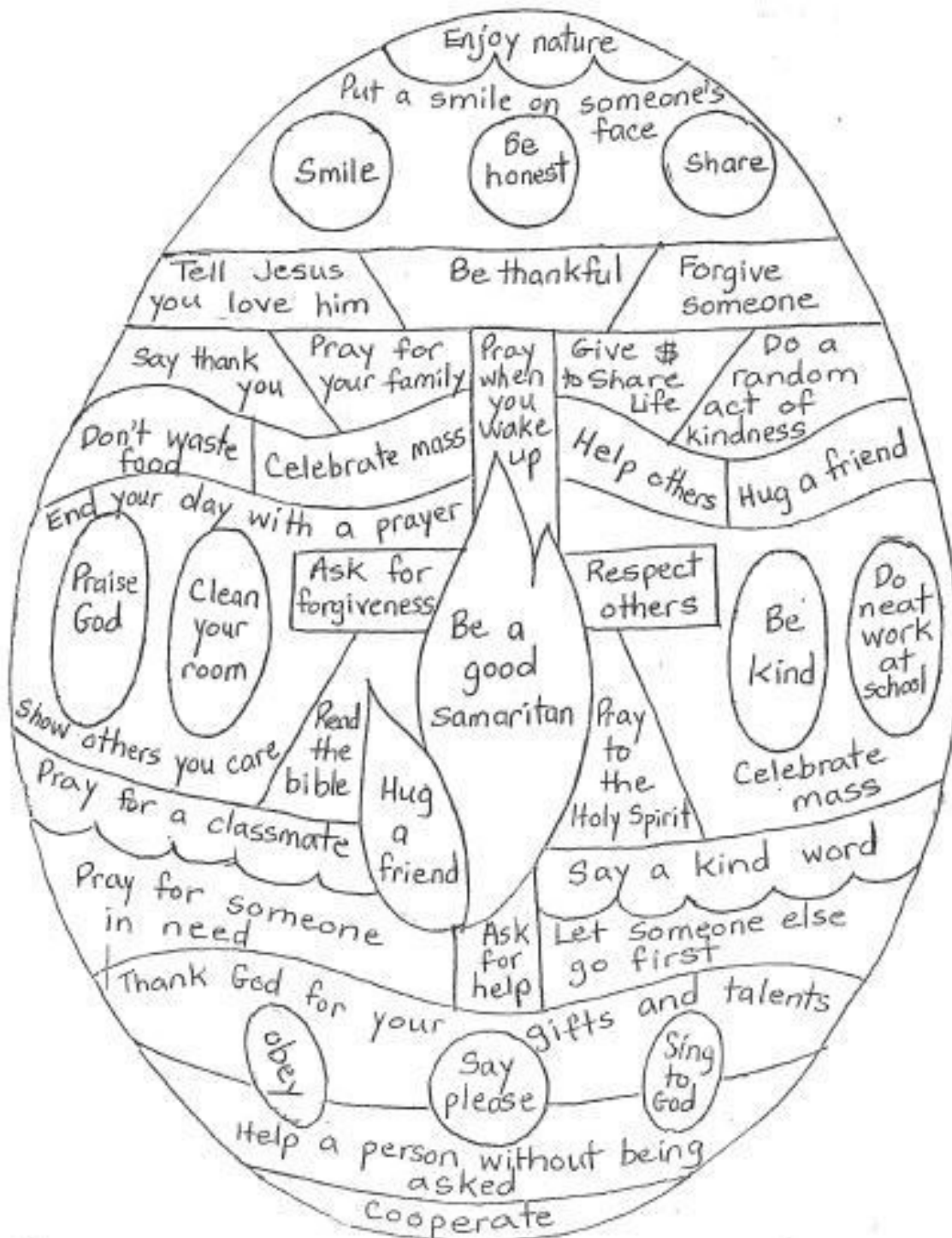
## ٤- هل تعلم ما معنى عبارة "كرسي مجده"؟

كلمة "مجد" بأصلها السامي تعني "الثقل"، وتطلق على الشخص الذي له الثقل. وثقل الشخص لا ينفصل عنه بتاتاً. حضوره هو الثقل نفسه. فمجد الله غير منفصل عن نوره وعظمته وملكه.



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# FEBRUARY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY



شباط - فبراير  
2021

January 2021

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March 2021

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Liturgical Symbols:

Church Major Feasts

Abstain from meat

Fast from midnight until noon

Lenten Season

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Preparation of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple 1 John 2:18-3:8 Mark 11:1-11	2 Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple دخول السيد إلى الهيكل Hebrews 7:7-17 Luke 2:22-41	3 Sts Simeon and Anna 1 John 3:21-4:11 Mark 14:43-15:1	4 St Isidore of Pelusium 1 John 4:20-5:21 Mark 15:1-15	5 St Agatha 2 John 1:1-13 Mark 15:22-25, 33-41	6 First Saturday of the dead الصبيات الاول للراقدين 1 Corinthians 10:23-29 Luke 21:8, 9, 25-27, 33-36
7 Meat-fare Sunday أحد مرفع اللحم 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Matthew 25:31-46	8 Prophet Zechariah 3 John 1:1-15 Luke 19:29-40, 22:7-39	9 Leave-taking of the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jude 1:1-10 Luke 22:39-42, 45-23:1	10 St Charalampos Romans 14:6-9 Matthew 26:57-75	11 St Blaise Jude 1:11-25 Luke 23:2-34, 44-56	12 St Meletios Ephesians 5:8-19 John 19:25-37	13 Saturday of Ascetics سبت جميع اليااء النساك Romans 14:19-23, 16:25-27 Matthew 6:1-13
14 St Maron the Hermit Cheese-fare Sunday أحد مرفع الجبن Romans 13:11-14, 14:1-4 Matthew 6:14-21	15 Beginning of Holy and Great Fast بدء الصوم المقدس الكبير Genesis 1:1-13 Proverbs 1:1-20	16 St Pamphilos and companions Genesis 1:14-23 Proverbs 1:20-33	17 St Theodore Genesis 1:24-2:3 Proverbs 2:1-22	18 St Leo, Pope of Rome Genesis 2:4-19 Proverbs 3:1-18	19 1st Akathist المدائح الاولى Genesis 2:20-3:20 Proverbs 3:19-34	20 St Theodore the martyr Hebrews 1:1-12 Mark 2:23-3:5
21 Sunday of Orthodoxy أحد الأورثوذكسية Hebrews 11:24-40 John 1:43-51	22 Relics of Martyrs at Eugenios Genesis 3:21-4:7 Proverbs 3:34-4:22	23 St Polycarp of Smyrna Genesis 4:8-15 Proverbs 5:1-15	24 Discoveries of the Head of John the Forerunner Genesis 4:16-26 Proverbs 5:15-6:4	25 St Tarasios Genesis 5:1-24 Proverbs 6:3-20	26 2nd Akathist المدائح الثانية Genesis 5:32-6:8 Proverbs 6:20-7	27 St Procopios Hebrews 3:12-16 Mark 1:35-44
28 St Gregory Palamas Sunday of Holy Relics أحد الفخائر المقدسة Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Mark 2:1-12						

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.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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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)

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- 1st: drawing for \$5,000
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- Seven \$500 drawings
- Eight \$250 drawings
- Ten \$100 drawings



Drawing will be held the Easter weekend on April 3, 2021 with only three hundred (300) tickets to be sold at \$100 each.

For tickets or more information please contact:

- Sandra (Elias) Longtin, 401-617-8433
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Thank you for your continued prayer and generosity.

# Alerts and Latest Guidance

- **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)

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.

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