



July 25<sup>th</sup> 2021

## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



### 9th Sunday After Pentecost – الأحد التاسع بعد العنصرة Dormition of Ann—Walking on Water عيد رقاد القديسة حنة أمّ والدة الاله

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#### Divine Liturgies

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Saturday at 4:00 PM

Sunday at 11:00 AM

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#### Holy Mysteries

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Sunday 9:30-10:30 AM

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

#### Troparion of the Resurrection (8th tone)

O Merciful One, Who came down from on high and endured  
burial for three days, in order to save us from suffering. O our  
Life and our Resurrection, glory to you.

#### Troparion of Holy Anne, the Mother of the Mother of God

Anne Divinely wise, you carried in your womb the Mother of  
God, the Immaculate one who gave life to Life; wherefore you  
now have been carried up joyfully to the inheritance of  
heaven, to the abode of those who rejoice in glory. Over-  
blessed One, you seek the forgiveness of sins for those who  
honor you with fervor.

#### 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:

O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever present  
intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us  
sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call  
upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to

#### طروبارية القيامة باللحن الثامن

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

#### طروبارية للقديسة حنة أمّ والدة الاله باللحن الرابع

لقد حملت أمّ الله النقية التي حملت الحياة، يا حنة  
المتألّهة العقل. لذلك انتقلت الآن فرحة إلى الميراث  
السمائي، حيث مسكن الفرحين في المجد، ملتزمة  
غفران الزلات لمكرميك بشوق، يا دائمة الغبطة.

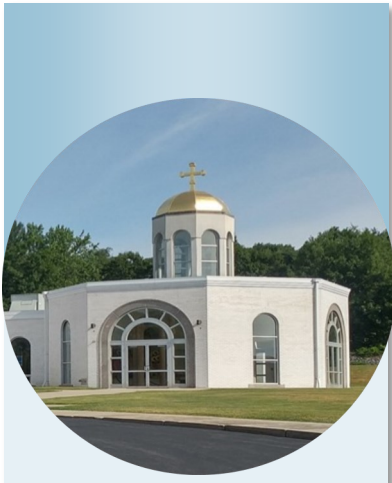
#### طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

#### نشيد الختام (القنداق)

يا نصيرة المسيحيين التي لا تُخزي، ووسيطتهم  
الدائمة لدى الخالق، لا تعرضي عن أصوات الخطاة  
الطالبين اليك. بل بما أنك صالحة، بادري إلى  
معونتنا، نحن الصارخين إليك بأيمان: هلمي إلى





#### 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>



intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

#### Epistle of Sept. 9th - Galatians: 4:22-27

The Holy and Just Ancestors of Christ God, Joachim and Anne. Prokimenon Awesome in his saints is God, the God of Israel, Stichon: In the churches, bless God, the Lord out of Israel's wellsprings

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians: 4:22-27

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, the one by a slave-girl and the other by a free woman. And the son of the slave-girl was born according to the flesh, but the son of the free woman, in virtue of the promise. This is said by way of allegory. For these are the two covenants, one indeed from Mount Sinai, bringing forth children that were to be in bondage: this is Agar. For Sinai is a mountain in Arabia, which corresponds to the present Jerusalem, and is in slavery with her children. But that Jerusalem which is above is free, which is our mother. For it is written, Rejoice, you barren woman who do not bear; break forth and cry, you who do not travail; for many are the children of the desolate, more than of the one who has a husband.

Alleluia

The just cried out, and the Lord heard them, and he delivered them from all their trials.

Stichon: Many are the trials of the just, but out of them all, the Lord will save them.

#### Gospel Matthew 14:22-34

At that time Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and cross the sea ahead of him, while he dismissed the crowd. And when he had dismissed the crowd, he went up the mountain alone to pray. And when it was late, he was there alone, but the boat was in the midst of the sea, buffeted by the waves, for the wind was against them. But in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking upon the sea. And the disciples, seeing him walk upon the sea, were greatly alarmed, and exclaimed, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. Then Jesus immediately spoke to them, saying, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid." But Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, order me to come to you over the water." And he said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to come to Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid; and as he began to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And Jesus at once stretched out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind fell. But those who were in the boat came and worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And crossing over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

الشفاعة، وأسرعني الى الابتهاال، يا والدّة الاله المحاميّة دائماً عن مكرميك.

#### مقدمة الرسالة – تذكّار القديسين الصديقين جدي الاله يواكيم وحنه

عجيب الله في قديسيه، إله إسرائيل

في المجامع باركوا الله، الرب من ينباع إسرائيل

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الى اهل غلاطية

يا اخوة، وُلد لإبراهيم ابنان: أحدهما من الامة والأخر من الحرة، غير أن الذي من الامة ولد بحسب الجسد، أما الذي من الحرة فبقوة الموعد. ولذلك إنما هو زمر. لأن هاتين هما العهدين: أحدهما من طور سيناء يلد للعبودية، فهو هاجر. فإن جبل هاجر (أي) جبل سيناء هو في ديار العرب، ويناسب أورشليم الحالية. لأن هذه حاصلة في العبودية مع أولادها. أما أورشليم العليا فهي حرة وهي أمتنا جميعاً. فقد كتب: إفرحي أيتها العاقرة التي لا تلد. اهتفي واصرخي أيتها التي لا تتمخض، لأن أولاد المهجورة أكثر من (أولاد) ذات البعل.

هللوا

الصديقون صرخوا والرب أستمع لهم، ومن جميع مضايقتهم نجاهم

كثيرة مضايق الصديقين، ومن جميعها ينجيهم الرب

#### الاحد التاسع بعد العنصرة—(متى 14: 22 – 34)

في ذلك الزمان، اضطرب يسوع تلاميذه أن يركبوا السفينة، ويسبقوه الى العبر، حتى تصرف الجموع. ولما صرف الجموع، صعد وحده الى الجبل ليصلي. وعند المساء، كان وحده هناك. وكانت السفينة في وسط البحر تكدها الامواج، لأنّ الرياح كانت مُعاكسة. وفي الهجعة الرابعة من الليل، أقبل يسوع نحوهم ماشياً على البحر. فلما رآه التلاميذ ماشياً على البحر، اضطربوا وقالوا: إنه خيال. ومن المخافة صرخوا. فلوقت كلمهم يسوع قائلاً: ثقوا، أنا هو، لا تخافوا. فأجاب بطرس قائلاً يارب إن كنت أنت هو فمُرني أن آتي اليك على المياه. فقال: هلم. فنزل بطرس من السفينة، ومشى على المياه آتياً الى يسوع. لكنه لما رأى شدة الرياح خاف. وإذ بدأ يغرق، صاح قائلاً: يا ربّ نجني. وللوقت مدّ يسوع يده وأمسكه وقال له: يا قليل الإيمان لم شككت؟ ولما ركبوا السفينة، سكنت الرياح. فجاء الذين كانوا في السفينة، وسجدوا له قائلين: بالحقيقة أنت ابن الله. ولما عبروا، جاؤوا الى ارض جنيسارت.







**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** July 18, 2021: Budgets: \$2,046.00: Envelopes: \$2,036.00, Loose: \$10.00; Candles: \$51.00; Addit'l Melkite Support: \$14.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$163.00; Donation: \$500.00 Stipends: \$75.00.

**TODAY, JULY 24 & 25,** there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT.** Please give generously according to your means.

**GRAPE LEAVES:** The Food Fair Committee is appealing to all parishioners and friends to donate sufficient grape leaves to accommodate the needs of this popular cuisine. Anyone willing to donate some leaves can bring them to the church and they will be stored in the freezer. Arrangements will be made by the Committee to freeze them.

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:** Thank you all for your prayers and best wishes. They are my source of health and hope. I am doing well and try walking a mile each day. My left leg is still my weak leg. My balance remains unsteady, so I use a walking stick. I saw the plastic surgeon yesterday. He is happy with the healing of the wound where the cancer was removed. He emphasized that the closure is progressing well, but it will take a lot of patience as new skin will eventually form. I shall have a **MRI** and **CAT SCAN** at the end of July before seeing the surgeon who removed the tumor. Hopefully there shall be no cancer. You remain always in my prayer. FR. DAN!

**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](mailto: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.

**REFLECTION:** *"The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom."* - Isaac Asimov

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.





## 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, JULY 24, AND SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021: NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE HOLY ANNE, THE MOTHER OF THE MOTHER OF GOD.**

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

- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE** by Vicky Boudjouk.
- + **JOSEPH HARRAKA** by Mrs. Mary Elmer & Family
- + **MARY TAHAN** by Judy & Wayne Rawan.
- + **LOUIS P. KISHFY** by Mr. Dennis Dakake.
- + **JOSEPH P. AZAR, JR.** by Ms. Mona Mardini & Family.
- + **SAM, SHAFFIA, SADIE BARAKAT** by Mr. George Salhany.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by Rui & Marissa Rodrigues & Family.
- + **YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA** by Delores & Loriann Agag
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### 11:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **GEORGE LOZE (Valencia, Venezuela)** by Kawsar Boudjouk.
- + **ELIAS J. KISHFY** by Christine Deeb Poccia.
- + **JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.
- + **GEORGE BOUDJOUK** by Jane Jabren.
- + **MARIE CLAIRE CHOUHA** by Samir & Hanaa Boudjouk.
- + **GEORGE DECKEY** by Kawsar Boudjouk & Family.
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by Joseph & Yolanda Saggal
- + **FRANCIS A. SAGGAL** by Bud & Mary Saggal & Family.
- + **ALBERT J. KISHFY** by Albert G. Kishy & Family.
- + **GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL** by Alexander & Constance Kent.
- + **YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by Dn. Dr. Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.





# Why did you doubt?



Put yourself in the scene of today's gospel. Waves are pounding a little wooden fishing boat as a storm rages all around you when suddenly, through the blowing wind and water spray, you see someone or something walking on the water towards you. Quite disconcerting, wouldn't you say? Of course, the disciples think they are seeing a ghost until Jesus quells their fears. Remarkably Peter responds to this wondrous sight by boldly declaring,

"Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water."

Now that is a sign of great faith for me. Jesus invites Peter out to join him by merely saying come.

"Come."

Without hesitation, Peter gets out of the boat and walks on the water.

WOW.

Peter actually walks on the water.

Nobody talks about that shining few seconds of miraculous faith. No, commentators focus on Peter's lack of faith.

Would you have gotten out of that boat while the sea rolled beneath your feet?

Could you have walked on water like Peter did, even if it was only for a few moments?

Of course when Peter takes his eyes off his Saviour and actually looks at the wind, the reality of his situation hits him and he begins to sink. Yet Peter does not get any sympathy or even any praise for having actually walked on water, albeit it, only for a few steps. Nope. Jesus is quite harsh,

"O man of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Ponder: Why is Jesus so stern with poor Peter?

It is because this story will illustrate, for future Christians, our basic walk with God. We are called to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, our sole Saviour and Redeemer. We can't do anything on our own strength. No matter what our circumstances are, when our eyes are fixed on our Lord, anything and everything is possible. This is the normal Christian life. It is not for a select few. Jesus expects us to walk on water with him, daily.

Pray: I believe; Lord heal my disbelief.

This story presents lessons for life that go beyond what meets the eye:

- **Making room for God:** Jesus sent the disciples away so that he could go alone to the mountainside and pray. Even with his busy schedule, Jesus made spending time with God a top priority. The story reminds Christians of the importance of setting aside room for God.
- **Recognizing the Lord:** Even though the disciples had been with Jesus for a long time, they didn't recognize him as he approached in the storm. The story reminds Christians that they may not recognize the Lord when he comes to them in the middle of their own personal storms.
- **Keeping focused on Jesus:** Peter did not begin to sink until he started looking around at the wind and the waves. For Christians, the lesson is that when they take their eyes off of Jesus and focus on their difficult circumstances, they begin to sink under the weight of their problems. If we cry out to Jesus in faith, he will catch us by the hand and raise us above seemingly impossible surroundings.
- **Restoring faith after a lapse:** When he left the boat, Peter started out with good intentions, but his faith faltered. Nevertheless, Peter's leap of faith did not end in failure. Even in his fear, he cried out to the Lord, knowing that Jesus was the only one who could help him. Peter's experience reminds Christians that a lapse of faith is merely a lapse and that the Lord is still there for believers when they call for him.
- **Weathering the storm with Jesus:** When Jesus climbed into the boat, the storm ceased. Believers can rest assured that when they have Jesus in their boat, he will calm the stormy waters of life.



# يا قليل الإيمان لماذا شككت؟



هذه المعجزة مزدوجة: هداً المسيح البحر للتلاميذ جميعاً، وجعل بطرس يمشي على الماء وأقنذه من الغرق. وهذا ما يحدث معنا، فالمسيح يُجري معنا لا معجزة واحدة بل معجزات، حتى أننا كثيراً ما ننسى المعجزات الصغيرة في انبهارنا بالمعجزة الكبيرة! فلنقل كداود: «بارك يا نفسي الرب، ولا تنسي: كلَّ حَسَنَاتِهِ» (مزمو ١٠٣: ٢).

أجرى المسيح معجزات على اليابسة، وعلى الماء، فهو رب الأرض والبحر، القادر أن يفعل هنا وهناك، ولا يوجد مكان لا تمتد إليه يد قدرته. لقد أطعم الجائعين، وسكن الماء الهاج، فنقول له: «الرب زاعي فلا يُعوْزني شيء». في مَزَاعِ خُضِرٍ يُرْضِنِي. إلى مِيَاهِ الزَّاحَةِ يُورِدُنِي» (مزمو ٢٣: ١، ٢). ففي هاتين المعجزتين نرى كيف أطعمهم، ثم كيف أوردهم إلى مياه الراحة!

لماذا ترك المسيح التلاميذ على صفحة الماء؟

نحن لا ندرك الحكمة الإلهية دائماً. وفي مرات كثيرة نسأل الله: لماذا فعلت بنا هكذا؟ لكننا نحتاج دائماً أن نسلم له، لأننا وإن كنا لا ندرك حكمته، لكننا ندرك أنه يجنبنا.

لم يعرف التلاميذ معلمهم عندما جاءهم وظنوه خيلاً، لأن الخلاص جاءهم من حيث لم يتوقعوا فارتعبوا. «فلَمَّا أُصْرِعَ التَّلَامِيذُ مَا شِئَ عَلَيْهِ الْبَحْرُ أَصْطَرَبُوا قَائِلِينَ: إِنَّهُ خَيْالٌ. وَمِنْ الْخَوْفِ ضَرَبُوا» (آية ٢٦). يجيبنا الله بالنجاة من أبواب لا نعرفها ولا نتوقعها ولم نسمع عنها، وأحياناً لعظمة الخلاص القادم نظن أنه نوع من الخيال!

ومع أن المؤمنين يتعلمون طرق الله كلما تقدموا في الإيمان، إلا أن مفاجئات الله المعجزة وتعاليمه الاختبارية جديدة في كل صباح. فليعطنا الله روح التعلم والانبهار باستقرار.

صرخ التلاميذ، وحينئذ أن يصرخ المؤمن ليعلم ضعفه وعجزه ونقص حكمته وعدم قدرته على إنقاذ نفسه. وعندها نجيبه النجاة الإلهية: «تشجعوا. أنا هو. لا تخافوا».

جاء في الهزيع الرابع من الليل. يتذمر مؤمنون كثيرون على الله لأنهم يعتقدون أنه يتركهم وسط التعب. لكن أناة الله تصوغ حياتهم، وتعلمهم من خلال تجاربهم. فهو لا يأتي في توقيتنا نحن بل في توقيته الحكيم. إنها حكمة المعلم... حكمة الأب. إنه مثل من يتعرض للغرق، يترك المسكين لتواني محسوبة، إلى أن يصير مستعداً للتسليم، فيحمله لشاطئ النجاة.

مرة أسكت المسيح العاصفة وهو موجود مع التلاميذ في القارب، وفي هذه المرة كان غائباً عنهم. كان يريد أن يعلمهم أنه حتى وإن كان غائباً عنهم بالجسد لكنه موجود معهم بروحه. هو الذي أقنذ الأول راوهم بأعينهم يُسكت العاصفة، ولكن في الإنقاذ الثاني راوهم بحيي من بعيد. و «طوبى للذين آمنوا ولم يترؤا» (يوحنا ٢٠: ٢٩).

عزيزي القارئ، ليس المهم أن تراه، بل أنه هو براك. ليس المهم أن تمسك به، بل أنه هو يمسك بك. عندئذ تراه وتمسك به، وقد امتلأ قلبك بالطمأنينة والفرح.

الرب دائماً يشجع أبناءه قائلا: «أنا هو. لا تخافوا» (مرقس ٦: ٥٠). كما أنه يريد أن يكونوا دائماً في سلام: «سلاماً أترك لكم. سلامي أعطيكم. ليس كما يعطي العالم أعطيكم أنا» (يوحنا ١٤: ٢٧). لأن عطية العالم محدودة يختلط معها السلام بالقلق، لكن سلام الرب صاف وواضح. هو الذي أمسك بيد بطرس: «مَدَّ يَسُوعُ يَدَهُ وَأَمْسَكَ بِهِ» (آية ٣١) ولم يوتخ ضعف إيمان تلميذه إلا بعد أن رفعه فوق البحر الهاج! لم يقل له: لماذا جئت لي؟ فمن حق بطرس أن يحيي للرب. ولكنه قال له: «يا قليل الإيمان، لماذا شككت؟» (آية ٣١). فمن حق المؤمن أن يطلب من الله، لكن ليس من حقه أن يشك في محبة الله.

«أؤمن يا سيد، فأعن عدم إيماني!».

في إنجيل اليوم نلاحظ أن يسوع يصعد إلى الجبل منفرداً ليصلي، بينما السفينة كانت في وسط البحر تقاوم الأمواج بسبب الريح المعاكسة. السفينة أيها الأبحاء هي الكنيسة وهي بيوتنا أيضاً، هي عائلتنا الغارقة في المشاكل والمشاحنات، هي نفوس شبابنا وأولادنا التي ترقفها تيارات الشهوة والطمع والمال والمخدرات وشهوة الجسد... هي نفوسنا التي تسحقها الهوم واليأس والكآبة في عصر العولمة والتكنولوجيا والمادية، الآلهة الجديدة لإنسان اليوم.

وتسأل أين هو الله؟ في الحقيقة إنه قريب منا لكنه يأتي دوماً في الهزيع الرابع من الليل، يتركنا نجفد لنكسب خبرة في مقاومة التيار، إنه يريدنا رجالاً في الحياة. فالمسيح لم يترك تلاميذه طويلاً وحدهم بلا مساعدة، بل أتى إليهم ليشجعهم ويزيل اضطرابهم. إن الإيمان هو زاد ضروري لنا نحن الموجودون في وسط اضطراب العالم الحاضر، فلنثق بالرب المحب والقادر على كل شيء، ولنعد تربية نفوسنا على الإلفة مع الإله الحقيقي بواسطة العزلة والصلاة اللتين تساعدان المسيحي على أن يذوق حلوة معايشة الرب ويميز الفرق الكبير بين هدوء الرب وسلامه وبين ضجيج العالم واضطرابه.

وإذا عشنا حياة روحية نختبر ونتأكد من أنه بالصلاة إليه «يا رب نجني» سيسرع الرب فوراً كمعين ومخلص وينهضنا ويحمينا من الأخطار. فليبادر كل واحد منا بالالتجاء إليه والارتقاء في أحضانه، فعبارة «تشجعوا أنا هو لا تخافوا» هي وعد لنا نحن المرميئون وسط بحر العمر وأحزانه، أنه سيكون إلى جانبنا إلى انقضاء الدهر».

في الهزيع الرابع من الليل جاء المسيح لينقذ تلاميذه. لقد رآهم من بعيد، وعرف احتياجهم فأُسرع لنجدهم. وأليس هذا ما يجري معنا؟ في كل ضيقنا يتضابق، وملأك حضرته بخلصنا (إشعيا ٦٣: ٩).

في ساعات ما قبل الشروق جاء المسيح ماشياً على الماء لينقذ تلاميذه من الغرق، فأشرقت عليهم شمس برّه، بنور خلاصه.

يسمع الله صلاتنا من على بُعد، ويدرك أعواننا فيتحرك ليساعدنا، فالله فعّال في الزمن والتاريخ، وهو حي في سائنه وعلى أرضنا، يعمل مشيئته في سائنه لأن ملائكته يخدمونه ويسبحونه نهراً ولبلاً، لكل واحد منهم ستة أجنحة ليتجه إلى حيث يوجهه الله (إشعيا ٦: ٢). والله يجيبنا بنفسه أو بملائكته، أو بواسطة شعبه وخدامه الذين يمدّون لنا يد العون.

ولكن التلاميذ عندما رأوا المسيح قادماً نحوهم ظنوه خيلاً وخافوا أكثر.

كانوا خائفين من الأمواج، ومن ظنوه خيلاً، مع أنه جاء ليساعدنا! ولكن المسيح بدد الخوفين معاً عندما قال لهم: «تَشَجُّعُوا! أنا هو. لا تخافوا».

وهنا قال بطرس: «إِنْ كُنْتُ أَنتُ هُوَ، فَفَرِّني أَنْ آتِي إِلَيْكَ عَلَى الْمَاءِ» فأمره المسيح بذلك، فزل من السفينة ومشي على صفحة الماء.

ولكن ما أن حوّل نظره من المسيح إلى الماء الهاج من حوله حتى بدأ يغرق.

وفعل بطرس ما يجب أن يفعله كل مؤمن: صرخ «يَا رَبِّ نَجِّنِي يَا رَبِّ نَجِّنِي» (آية ٣٠) ففي الحال مَدَّ يَسُوعُ يَدَهُ وَأَمْسَكَ بِهِ وقال له بعد أن نجاه: «يا قليل الإيمان، لماذا شككت؟ ولماذا دخلا السفينة سكنت الريح».

لكنه حتى في هذا الموقف تتعلم من بطرس درساً هاماً، فهو مجرد بدأ يغرق، صرخ للرب. قال له كلمات بسيطة، لكنها نابعة من الأعراق: «يا رب نجني». وهي تعتبر أقصر صلاة في الكتاب المقدس، ونالت استجابة فورية. فالصلاة ليست بطولها تقاس، بل بعمقها.

عندما تشتد العواصف حولك من كل الجهات ثبت نظرك على الرب يسوع الذي يشفي كل أمراضك.

ابذل اجتهاداً. اقرأ الكلمة أكثر وعش في جو ومناخ القديسين.

احترس من أوقات الفراغ. احفظ آيات من الكتاب لتجارب العدو من المكتوب.

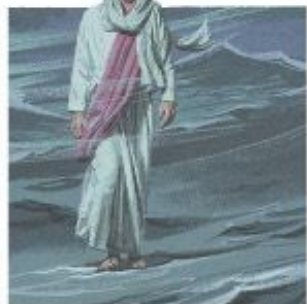
راجع إحسانات الرب معك في الماضي، وقُلْ لنفسك: لماذا أنت متحينة يا نفسي، قومي ترحي الله.

وإن شعرت أنك ابتدأت تغرق، اصرخ قائلاً: يا رب نجني، ففي الحال يمد الرب يده، يمسك بك وينقذك، فتدخل السفينة والريح قد سكنت.

## صلاة
























أبانا السواوي، عندما يضطرب بنا بحر الحياة، وعندما تفقد السيطرة على المصير يجيبنا المسيح، سيد الطبيعة، يمشي على الموج لهبته، فالوح تحت قدميه خاضع. فإليك نلجأ، وعليك نعتمد، لنجد الأمان العميق داخلنا، فلا نعود نضطرب بها ثار بحر الحياة. باسم المسيح. آمين.

# Following Jesus Kids bulletin



## Jesus Walks on the Water



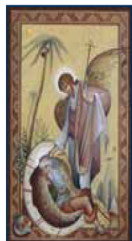
After feeding 5,000 people with  and , Jesus went to a  to pray. His disciples got on a  to cross the Sea of Galilee. That , Jesus came to join His disciples. He walked on the  to get to the . His disciples saw Jesus walking on the . They were afraid. Jesus told them not to be afraid.  wanted to walk on the  too. Jesus told  to come to Him.  climbed out of the  and began to walk on the  toward Jesus. Because the  was blowing hard,  became afraid. He began to sink in the  and asked Jesus to save him. Jesus took 's  and lifted him up. Jesus asked  why he didn't have more faith. Jesus and  walked on the  back to the  and the storm stopped.





# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

JULY



تموز - يوليو  
2021

June 2021

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

August 2021

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Sts Cosmas and Damian 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Matthew 13:36-43	2 Mantle of Our Lady at Blachernae Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 1:39-49, 56	3 St Hyacinth Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 9:18-26
4 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost الأحد السادس بعد العنصرة Romans 12:6-14 Matthew 9:1-8	5 St Athanasios of Athos 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11 Matthew 13:54-58	6 St Sisoies the Great 1 Corinthians 6:20-7:12 Matthew 14:1-13	7 St Thomas of Maleum 1 Corinthians 7:12-24 Matthew 14:35-15:11	8 St Procopios 1 Corinthians 7:24-35 Matthew 15:12-21	9 St Pancratios of Taormina 1 Corinthians 7:35-8:7 Matthew 15:29-31	10 The 45 martyrs of Nicopolis Romans 12:1-3 Matthew 10:37-11:1
11 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost الأحد السابع بعد العنصرة 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Matthew 9:27-35	12 Sts Procolos and Hilarion 1 Corinthians 9:13-18 Matthew 16:1-6	13 Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel 1 Corinthians 10:5-12 Matthew 16:6-12	14 St Joseph the Confessor 1 Corinthians 10:12-22 Matthew 16:20-24	15 Sts Cyricos and Julitta 1 Corinthians 10:28-11:8 Matthew 16:24-28	16 St Athenogenes and his 10 disciples 1 Corinthians 11:8-23 Matthew 17:10-18	17 St Marina Romans 13:1-10 Matthew 12:30-37
18 Fathers of the first 6 Ecumenical Councils آباء المجمع المسكونية الستة الأولى Titus 3:8-15 Matthew 5:14-19	19 St Macrina 1 Corinthians 11:31-12:6 Matthew 18:1-11	20 The Prophet Elijah (Elias) النبي إيليا التثبيتي James 5:10-20 Luke 4:22-30	21 Sts Simeon, Salos and John 1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5 Matthew 20:1-16	22 St Mary Magdalene 1 Corinthians 14:6-19 Matthew 20:17-28	23 Holy Prophet Ezekiel 1 Corinthians 14:26-40 Matthew 21:12-14, 17-20	24 St Christina Romans 14:6-9 Matthew 15:32-39
25 Dormition of St Anne 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost الأحد التاسع بعد العنصرة Galatians 4:22-27 Matthew 14:22-34	26 St Hermolaos and his companions 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 Matthew 21:18-22	27 St Panteleimon 2 Timothy 2:1-10 John 15:17-16:2, 11:27-28	28 Sts Prochor, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas 1 Corinthians 16:4-12 Matthew 21:28-32	29 Sts Callinicos and Theodota 2 Corinthians 1:1-7 Matthew 21:43-46	30 Sts Silas and Sylvan 2 Corinthians 1:12-20 Matthew 22:23-33	31 St Eudocimos Romans 15:30-33 Matthew 17:24-18:4

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  
Saturday 2:30 - 3:30 P.M. and Sunday 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.**

“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**

أدعوكم إلى القداس الإلهي

من أجل الراقيدين على رجاء القيامة

في الأربعاء الأخير من كل شهر الساعة 6:30 مساءً

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Welcome to*

## **St. Basil The Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church**

**Check our website  
for Church news and updates at**  
[www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com](http://www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com)

**On Facebook**  
<https://www.facebook.com/StBasilMelkiteChurchRI/>

**YouTube**  
<https://bit.ly/2VJgvnS>

**Contact us for information and ideas**  
[office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com](mailto:office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com)



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

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

Donations are greatly appreciated especially during this pandemic crisis. Please click on the link below to donate.  
Thank you and God bless you and yours.



# 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.

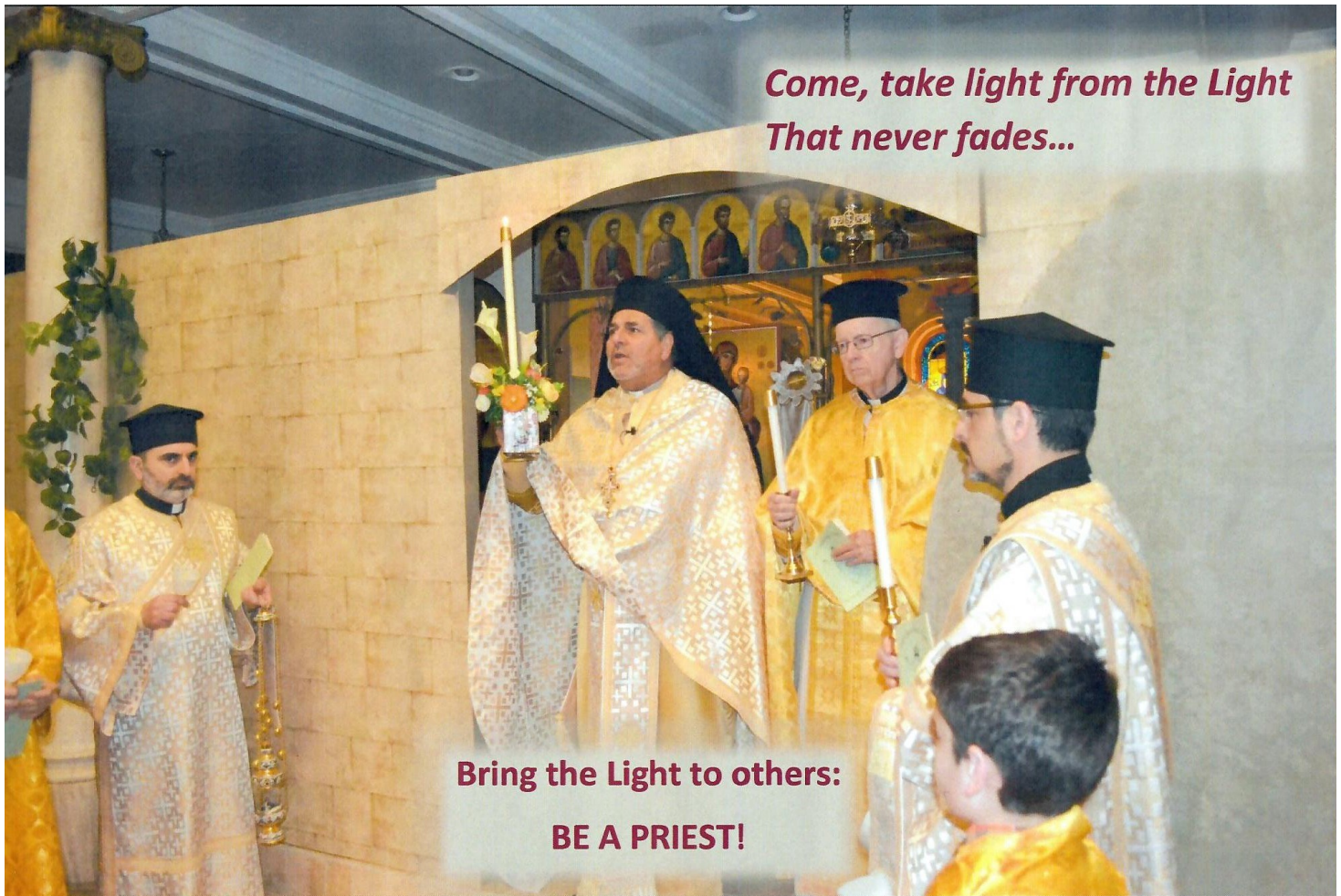
Formerly under the jurisdiction of the local Latin Ordinaries before the Exarchate was established under the leadership of the late Bishop Justin Najmy of this Parish, all Melkites have been subject to the latter since its erection in 1966. The Constitution of the Melkite Eparchy which is now a sole 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.

# OFFICE OF VOCATIONS MESSAGE



*Come, take light from the Light  
That never fades...*

**Bring the Light to others:**

**BE A PRIEST!**

*Melkite Eparchy of Newton ~ Office of Vocations*

*1428 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE ~ Atlanta, Georgia 30307*

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# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

## MARRIAGE

### Preparation & Enrichment

One Cathedral Square ♦ Providence, RI 02903

[marriage@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:marriage@dioceseofprovidence.org)

401-278-4576

Rev. Ephrem Kardouh  
St. Basil Melkite Rite Parish  
111 Cross Street  
Lincoln, RI 02863

June 24, 2021

Dear Father Kardouh,

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is hosting the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration to honor couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2021. Thanks to your assistance, we have tremendous responses to this event each year and we look forward to your ongoing support!

The celebration will be held on **Sunday, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021, 1:00 p.m., Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence.** It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

#### Some important points regarding participation in the celebration

- The celebration is for couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2021.
- One or both of the spouses need to be Catholic, with the marriage recognized by the church.
- The celebration is for couples. If it is not possible for both to be present, a certificate can be mailed to the couple.
- Reservations are made by use of the enclosed registration form, which must be submitted by your parish and signed by your pastor.
- You may make as many copies of the enclosed registration form as needed. Please give the **top section** to the participants and return the **bottom section** to the Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment.
- Please keep track of couples from your parish that will attend. A list of couples attending from your parish will be sent to the pastor for his review.
- In order for the attendees to have their names and anniversary published in the Mass booklet, we must receive registration forms by **AUGUST 27.**
- **PLEASE DO NOT REVISE THE REGISTRATION FORM IN ANY WAY.**
- **PLEASE MAIL THE REGISTRATION FORMS TO US WEEKLY, PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE.**

If you have any questions, please call the Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment at 401-278-4576 or e-mail [marriage@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:marriage@dioceseofprovidence.org).

Thank you,  
*Donna Warner*  
Donna Warner, Coordinator

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

## Wedding Anniversary Celebration

*The DIOCESE of Providence  
cordially invites you and your spouse  
to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or Over 50 years  
Wedding Anniversary Celebration on  
Sunday, September 26, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul  
Providence, Rhode Island*

The 2021 Wedding Anniversary Celebration includes:  
Mass, renewal of wedding vows, a personalized certificate & a reception for you & your guests.  
Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

PLEASE DETACH: ♦ Give upper portion to Anniversary Couple ♦ Mail lower portion to Office of Marriage P&E



Wedding Anniversary Celebration Registration  
Sunday - SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.  
Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence

### FOR OFFICE USE

- ☐ D-base
- ☐ Inv/Dir/Pix
- ☐ Mass Book
- ☐ Certificate

Number of years celebrating in 2021 (Please circle)    25    40    50

OVER 50 Years \* \_\_\_\_\_ (Please indicate which number anniversary OVER 50 years you are celebrating in 2021).

Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

► PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY AND EXACTLY AS THEY SHOULD APPEAR ON THE CERTIFICATE. ◀

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

♦ PARISH SECRETARY: Please mail this form by **AUGUST 27** to:  
Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment  
One Cathedral Square  
Providence, RI 02903





# Eid El Saydeh Summer Festival

At St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church, RI

15 Skyview Dr / Lincoln, RI 02865 / 401.722.1345

**Saturday, August 7th, 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm**

**Sunday, August 8th from noon to 8:00 pm**



**DJ John & George Maalouf**  
Saturday



**Mitch Kaltsunas**  
Sunday



**DELICIOUS**  
Middle Eastern Food for  
purchase, Cash bar, Beer & Wine



**ACTIVITIES**  
for kids and the whole family

Your support is needed to defray the cost of festival  
Personnel, Businesses, Memorial banners are available

*Every measure will continue to be taken to keep everyone safe from the virus  
We look forward to you joining us!*



**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHURCH FUNDRAISER NO OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINKS/HOOKAH**

# The House of God Etiquette (Page 1 of 2)

## WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT CHURCH:

- Remind yourself why you are here: Jesus Christ. You have an appointment every Sunday morning at 10:30am with Him, so you should not be late. Would you be late to any other appointment? Get extra rest so that you can make it to Church on time.
- Shut off all beepers, phones, and electronic devices. NO text messaging!
- As we sing in the Liturgy, "Let us lay aside all earthy care."**
- When entering the Church, venerate/kiss the icon at the entrance, cross yourself in prayer, and light a candle.



## YOU MAY NOT ENTER THE CHURCH AT THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:

- During the Entrance of the Holy Gospel
- During the reading of the Epistle and the Holy Gospel
- During the Sermon

- During the Entrance of the Holy Gifts

If you arrive during the above mentioned times, please wait at the back of the church.

When you enter or exit the Church, use only the side aisles. No one is to use the middle aisle at any time during the service, except for the Communion line.



## YOU SHOULD NOT BE SEATED DURING THE FOLLOWING MOMENTS:

- The singing of the Great Doxology ("Glory to Thee who has shown us the Light")
- At "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit..."
- During the Entrance of the Holy Gospel
- During the reading of the Holy Gospel
- During the Entrance of the Gifts
- During the Consecration of the Gifts
- During the Creed and the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father")
- While the priest and deacon are distributing Holy Communion
- Any time the priest blesses you with his hand or the cross



## CONDUCT IN CHURCH:

It is important to keep a reverent attitude and demeanor in Church at all times.

- Be on time! The proper time to arrive is **before** the service begins.
- Should you have an emergency and think you will be late to Church, still come, pray, and give thanks to God for all things!
- You are there to pray, so focus on the prayers and hymns of the Liturgy
- Do not cross your legs while seated; please be firm while standing
- Do not stand with your hands in your pockets
- Do not chew gum; absolutely no eating or drinking
- Do not talk during the Divine Liturgy, especially during the Gospel reading and in Communion line (wait until Coffee Hour to say hello)
- Communion is not the end of Liturgy; do not leave until Liturgy is completely over and you have kissed the cross. You may not go to the Hall during Liturgy.



## MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:

The sign of the Cross is extremely powerful due to the reminder it gives of Christ's sacrifice. Tracing the sign of the Cross on ourselves serves as the accepting of that sacrifice and the blessing to emulate it in our everyday life. Making the sign of the Cross is the reception of the blessing bestowed on you by the Bishop or the Priest. It is the pious custom of devout people to trace themselves with the sign of the cross at important parts of the Divine Liturgy.

## WHEN TO MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:

- At the beginning and end of prayers and services
- Upon entering Church and leaving Church
- At the mention of the "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"
- When offering glory or blessedness to God
- At any prayerful invocation of God
- When the priest exclaims "Peace be to all"





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- When the priest blesses the faithful with his hand or cross
- When the priest censes the people
- During the Entrance of the Holy Gospel
- During the Trisagion Prayers or Hymn (Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy...)
- After receiving Holy Communion (after you have taken a few steps away from the chalice)

## BOWING YOUR HEAD:

There are certain times in the service when parishioners should bow their heads:

- When the priest exclaims "Peace be to all"
- At the exclamation "Bow your heads unto the Lord"
- When the priest blesses the faithful with his hand or cross or censer
- When the priest or deacon bows toward the people during the services
- During the Entrance of the Holy Gospel
- When the Holy Gospel is read
- During the Entrance of the Gifts
- During the Consecration of the Gifts
- When you feel you need to focus on the service as to not get distracted



## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

To receive Holy Communion a person should:

- Prepare by prayer, by repentance, ultimately by receiving the Sacrament of Confession
- Prepare by fasting from food and drink (except for those with medical reasons) upon rising in the morning at least an hour before
- Refrain from smoking or chewing gum upon rising in the morning
- Ask forgiveness of anyone you have wronged
- Offer forgiveness to anyone who has wronged you
- Approach the chalice with reverence and thanksgiving, with arms crossed or hands folded with one's mind on Christ
- Say your name to the priest as you approach the Holy Chalice
- Tilt your head back and open your mouth as wide as you can
- You should NOT receive Holy Communion if you arrive to Church after the reading of the Gospel.
- Quietly return to your place and recite the Thanksgiving prayers



## CHURCH ATTIRE:

Use Good Judgment! Common Sense! We should offer Christ our "Sunday Best", not our everyday or common wear. Our dress should always be becoming of a Christian, and exemplify Christian values.

- No Sleeveless T-Shirts, No Tank-tops, No Sunglasses on head (or baseball caps)
- No Gym Shoes, No shorts, No Flip-Flops
- Dresses and skirts must fall below the knee and must be worn loosely; not tight
- Ladies' blouses should not be revealing and must cover the chest and shoulders
- Excessive make-up must be avoided. Women who wear lipstick should make sure lips are dry before receiving Communion, kissing cross or the priest's hand.
- This attire is to be for all ages!
- This attire is to help us realize how to respect our bodies, the Church, and to properly offer up prayer for our sins
- This attire is to help us NOT become a distraction to others who are trying to focus themselves



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