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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



الأحد الثاني بعد العنصرة Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Saturday 2:30–3:30 P.M.,
Sunday 9:30-10:30 A.M., or by appointment.

Baptisms: Please arrange with the pastor.

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

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers were watching your sacred body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, O Giver of life, the powers of heaven cried out: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom, glory to Your Plan of redemption, O You who alone are the Lover of mankind.

Troparion of the Divine Body (1st Tone)

Christ, having loved His own, loved them until the end and gave them His Body and Blood as food and drink. Wherefore let us offer them our veneration and say with fear: "O Christ, glory to Your presence, glory to Your compassion, glory to Your condescension: for You alone are the Lover of Mankind."

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, 2nd Tone

O Christ, do not turn Your face away from me: for I partake of the bread which is Your Body and of the wine which is Your Blood. O Lord, let my sharing in these august mysteries be not for my judgment and condemnation, but for my eternal and everlasting life.

طروبارية القيامة باللحن الاول

إن الحجر ختمه اليهود، وجسدك الطاهر حرسه الجنود. لكنك قمت في اليوم الثالث، أيها الخالص، واهباً للعالم الحياة. لذلك قوا السماوات هتفت اليك، يا مُعطي الحياة: المجد لقيامتك أيها المسيح. المجد لملكك. المجد لتدبيرك، يا محب البشر وحدك.

طروبارية عيد الجسد باللحن الاول

ان المسيح إذ أحب خاصته وإلى الغاية أحبهم، منحهم جسده ودمه مأكلاً ومشرباً. فنحن الآن نسجد لهما بوقار مكرمين ونهتف إلى بورع قائلين: المجد لحضورك، أيها المسيح، المجد لحنوك، المجد لتنازلك، يا محب البشر وحدك.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

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

قنداق الختام عيد الجسد باللحن الثاني

أيها المسيح، لا تستنكف من تناولي الآن الخبز جسداً ودمك الإلهي. ولا يكن اشتراكي أنا الشقي في أسرارك الطاهرة والرهيبية أيها السيد للدينونة. بل فليصر لي للحياة الأبدية الخالدة.





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>



Epistle: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost - Romans 2: 10-16

PROKIMENON (Tone 1) Psalm 32:22,1

May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in You.

Stichon: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans

Brethren, glory, honor and peace to everyone who does good works, first to the Jew, then to the Greek, since with God there is no favoritism. For all those who have sinned without the Law will perish without the Law, and all those who have sinned under the Law will be judged under the Law. (Before God, indeed, it is not those who hear the Law who are just, but those who follow the Law who will be justified. When the Gentiles who do not have the Law do by nature what the Law commands, while they do not have the Law, they are their own law: they show the work of the Law written in their hearts. The conscience bears witness to them, even when conflicting thoughts accuse or defend them) on the day when God will judge the hidden secrets of men according to what I preach, through Jesus Christ.

ALLELUIA (Tone 1) Psalm 17:48,506

O God, You granted me retribution and made peoples subject to me and saved me from my raging enemies. Stichon: Therefore, I will proclaim You, O Lord, among the nations and I will sing praise to Your name.

Gospel: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Matthew 4: 18-23 (Call of the First Disciples)

At that time as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea (for they were fishermen). And He said to them, "Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." And at once they left the nets and followed Him. And going farther on, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John, in a boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. And immediately they left their nets and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Good News of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the



healing every people.



مقدمة الرسالة

لتكن يا ربُّ رحمك علينا، بحسب اتكالنا عليك
ابتهجوا أيها الصديقون بالربِّ، بالمستقيمين يليقُ
التسبيح

الرسالة (رومة 2: 10 – 16)

يا إخوة، المجد والكرامة والسلام لكل من يصنع الخير، لليهودي أولاً ثم لليوناني. إذ ليس عند الله محاباةٌ وجوه. لأن كل الذين خطئوا وليس عندهم ناموس، فبدون ناموسي أيضاً يهلكون، وكل الذين خطئوا وعندهم ناموس، فيمقتضى الناموس يُدانون. لأنه ليس السامعون للناموس هم أبرارٌ عند الله، بل انما العاملون بالناموس يُبررون. فإن الأمم الذين ليس عندهم ناموس، حينما يعملون طبيعياً بما هو في الناموس، فهؤلاء الذين ليس عندهم ناموس، يكونون ناموساً لأنفسهم. ويُظهرون عمل الناموس المكتوب في قلوبهم، وضميرهم شاهد، وأفكارهم تشكو وتحتج فيما بينها، يومَ يدين الله سرائر الناس، بحسب انجيلي بيسوع المسيح.

هللوا

الله هو المنتقم لي، ومُخضغ الشعوب تحت
المعظم خلاص الملك، والصانع رحمةً إلى مسيحه.

الانجيل (متى 4: 18 – 23)

في ذلك الزمان، فيما كان يسوع ماشياً على شاطئ بحر الجليل، أبصر أخوين، سمعان المدعو بطرس وأنذراوس أخاه، يلقيان شباكاً في البحر، لأنهما كانا صيادين. فقال لهما: إتبعاني فأجعلكما صيادي الناس. فلبثا تركا الشباك وتبعاه. وجرَّ من هناك، فرأى أخوين آخرين، يعقوب بن زبدي ويوحنا أخاه، في سفينة مع أبيهما زبدي، يضلحان شباكهما. فدعاهما. ولوقت تركا السفينة وأباهما وتبعاه. وكان يسوع يطوف في الجليل كله، يُعلم في مجاميعهم، ويكرز ببشارة الملكوت، ويشفى كل مريض وكل ضَعِف في الشعب.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING: May 30, 2021: Budgets: \$1,961.00; Envelopes: \$1,952.00; Loose: \$9.00; Stipends: \$55.00; Candles: \$100.00; Building Fund: \$65.00; Melkite Diocesan Support: \$207.00.

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

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

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.

REFLECTION: Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way; **BUT NEVER** forget the blessings that come each day.

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 \$25.00; 40-Day Memorial \$35.00; Baptism \$100.00; 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.





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 5, AND SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. OCTAVE OF THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE BODY.

4:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

ANNE JARJOURA by M/M Zaky Nassaney.
ELIAS NAJMY (NY) by Fowzi & Carol Assaf & Family.
JOSEPH HARRAKA by M/M Thomas Lee.
REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY & ANGELA MAZZONE by Mr. Anthony & Jane Mardo.
VICTORIA PROCHNIAK by Joe & Connie Fayan.
MARY TAHAN by Maryjoan & Steve Walsh.
WILLIAM T. ASERMEY by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family (SC).
LEE GREENE by Hon. Thomas Lazieh & Sons & Diane Lazieh.
YVONNE HAGGAR COLABELLA by Alberta Mardo.

11:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

BASHIR & SAYOUD BOUDJOUK (Memorial Liturgy) by Vicky Boudjouk.
GEORGE LOZE (Valencia, Venezuela) by Jeffrey & Jessica Boudjouk & Family.
CLAUDINE RABBAT by George & Sherine Mussalli & Family.
ALBERT J. KISHFY by M/M Federico Cavallini & Family.
GEORGE BOUDJOUK by M/M Craig Kishfy & Family.
MARIE CLAIRE CHOUHA by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
GEORGE DECKEY by Gloria Deckey & Family.
GEORGEANNA DECKEY by Margaret Sabbagh.
JULIA & FRED KISHFY by M/M Norman E. Kishfy.
ELIAS J. KISHFY by Faiz & Susan Albatal & Family.
YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI by George & Sherine Mussalli & Family.
FRANCIS A. SAGGAL by Patrick, Mary, Brooke & J.P. Saggal.
GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL by Aboud & Mira Saggal & Family.
LOUIS P. KISHFY by Samir & Hanaa Boudjouk.



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.

How can we be fishers of men?



- 'Passing the Sea' – Jesus was out LOOKING for people. He didn't wait for them to come to him. This is where we need to get active, get out of the church and into the community with the Gospel. If it just stays here, it won't get out there. Where do we look?
- 'Saw Simon and Andrew' – Do we look around where we are and notice that there are people around us. Not just the crowd...individuals. If we look at the entire community and think, 'we have to save ALL of these people?!' we'll be overwhelmed. Instead, think of that one person or small group of people you see regularly at the coffee shop, or store, or school, or work, or in your own family...how about seeing THEM as the ones that you can reach out to?
- Jesus observed what they were doing (casting nets) with their life. Take time to understand where people are at in life. What does your neighbour do for work, what is their passion? What is their family like? Do they even HAVE family? What do we know about the people in or lives that are not yet Christians? Open our eyes, open our hearts to them. That's the first step of compassion.
- Jesus spoke to them – Jesus approached them and opened His mouth and TALKED to them. That is hard for many people; talking to strangers. After all, we've had it drilled into us since we were little, 'don't talk to strangers'. WHY NOT?? No wonder we live in a society filled with fear of other people! We are losing the gift of communication because we are speaking to others less and less all the time! We text and tweet and p.m. and snap-chat and whatever...??? Tell me, how is it possible to text a perfect stranger when you don't know their number because we've never TALKED with them?!
- **We need to overcome our fear of starting a conversation and realize that one genuine conversation could lead to someone coming into a relationship with Jesus Christ Who died so that they could be saved from sin and judgement too!**
- Maybe that neighbour or clerk or cashier or co-worker or person on the bus or walking their dog is lonely and would LOVE to have someone like you start a conversation with them?
- 'Follow me' – Jesus took the lead, he would be the one to show them what to do to learn about the kingdom of God. He invited them to become more than what they were...
- 'I will MAKE you fishers of men' – Jesus brings real life-change. He made a very direct and potentially life-changing statement. He got straight to the point and related it to their passion on life, fishing.
- He connected with their life – they were FISHERMEN, he'll make them fishers OF men. He piqued their passion and they could not resist seeing what this was about. So much so that they left their livelihood behind and dedicated their lives to learn what Jesus had to say about

what life really is about.

- The decision was theirs though. They could have said, no way, you're nuts! Leave this life of working with nets and smelly fish and smelly fishermen to learn about God – forget it!
- But they didn't. And these men, the first of several, became world-changers by bringing the good news about Jesus to the world and doing the same things Jesus did.
- **So what did Jesus have in His tackle box that He used to catch the souls of these men? He had open eyes, an open heart, and an open invitation.**
- He looked for people, he had compassion for them, and He asked them to come
- So what's in our tackle-box?
- Just like when it really comes down to it – when I go fishing, all I really need is a rod, reel, line and bait – I don't need to throw my entire spiritual tackle-box at a stranger.
- What I need is to have open eyes, an open heart, and give that same open invitation for someone to come and follow Jesus – like you and I do...
- Sharing how God works in our lives EVERY DAY in how we relate to others, our work ethic, our morality, our stand for truth, in how we forgive and show grace and mercy and patience (just like God does with us) will speak volumes to people who have not experienced that.
- Could it be that when we go and 'make disciples' that they, in their endeavours to 'fish for men', that they are the ones who 'out-fish' us? Could that correlate to the way I see others more successful when they fish with me?
- But we don't have to all be 'fishers of men/women' because all this fishing stuff may not relate to you because it is nothing you or anyone you may speak to are interested in at all!
- So what are YOU interested in? What IS your passion in life? Think of how God can use the way that He has specifically gifted you in order to reach others who may have similar interests.
- What are the people you MEET in life passionate about – have we tried talking with them about how that relates to their potential relationship with God?
- Is there a benefit to seeing new believers, new disciples, being more adept at leading people to Jesus and making disciples themselves? I believe there is for a life that was being lived without real hope or potential changed by God to one of real purpose and possibilities is one that will attract others to seriously consider their own answer to the question Jesus asks all of us, will we follow Him?

الدعوة "هلم ورائي فأجعلكما صيادي الناس"



اليوم تبدأ رحلة يسوع الطويلة، رحلة "صيد البشر"، رحلة "البحث عن الخزوف الضال"، رحلة تأسيس "ملكوت السموات" بدءاً من هذا العالم، وهي رحلة ستوصله يوماً إلى الصليب، الذي لا بد منه لكي تكون الحياة الأبدية لكل من آمن به، ولكي يدخل ابن الإنسان "في المجد الذي كان له من قبل إنشاء العالم"... وقد اختار في بداية كرازته، أن يتخذ له تلاميذ، يسمعون الكلام العام الذي يُلقيه على الجموع، ويسمعون أيضاً الكلام الخاص الذي سوف يقوله لهم وحدهم، فيكونوا له شهوداً على أقواله وآياته، وصولاً إلى صليبه وقيامته، ويكملوا رسالته من بعده... اليوم، هو سائر على ضفاف البحيرة، حيث يكثر الصيادون الذين يرتزقون من مهنة صيد السمك. لن يجد إلا صيادي سمك في تلك الناحية، وهو عالم بذلك. يرى أخوين على مقربة من الشاطئ، سمعان (بطرس) وأندراوس ابني يونا، وهما يُلقيان شبكتيهما. فيبادهما بالدعوة إلى إتياعه، ويُحدّد لهما هدف هذه الدعوة: "أن يُصبحا صيادين للناس"... فيقومان للحال ويتركان كل شيء وراءهما ويتبعانه. يُكمل الرب مسيرته بصحبة التلميذين الأولين، وإذ به يُصادف أخوين آخرين، يعقوب ويوحنا بصحبة أبيهما زبدي (على البرّ هذه المرّة)، وهما يُصليحان شباكهما. فيتكرّر الطلب الأول، وتتكزّر معه الإستجابة نفسها، لكن هذه المرّة، إضافةً إلى تركهما الشباك والسفن، فإنهما يتركان أيضاً أباهما زبدي. بذلك، أصبح لدى يسوع فوج أول من التلاميذ، وأبتدأ من حينه بجول في قرى الجليل، مُبشراً بملكوت السموات، مع الآيات (العلامات) التي تصحبه (شفاءات من الأمراض على اختلافها)، مُعطياً بذلك مصداقية حسنة لتعليمه.

* **الاولى** هي أن هذه الدعوة لإتباع يسوع هي صورة لدعوته إلى كل منا، فكلنا بالأساس مدعو بالمعنى الواسع للكلمة. وإننا كمسيحيين، "إذ قد إعتدنا بالمسيح، قد لبسنا المسيح". فالهوية المسيحية هي بحد ذاتها دعوة إلى الحياة في المسيح والشهادة له بحياتنا. إن الشهادة الحياتية اليومية، خصوصاً بالعلامة الفارقة لتلاميذ السيد (محنة بعضهم البعض)، هي بحد ذاتها كفيلة بتكرار "الصيد العجائبي" للبشر، وهذه دعوة عامة يشترك بها "جسد المسيح السري"، الذي هو الكنيسة.

* **الثانية** (والمرتبطة بالأولى)، هي أن هناك دعوة خاصة لبعض الأشخاص من أجل حمل البشارة والتكرس الحياتي لهذا الهدف. وفي هذا الإطار، يحمل هؤلاء الأشخاص المدعوين للتكرس، مسؤولية أكبر من سائر المؤمنين، لأنهم مؤتمنون على إيصال "كلمة الحياة" والأسرار إلى "جسد المسيح السري"، وإلى باقي الخليفة التي لم تصل إليها بُشرى الخلاص. وهناك تنوع في الدعوات حسب مواهب كل شخص "فهناك معلمون وهناك أنبياء..." (كما يقول بولس الرسول)، وحسب مقاصد الله.

* **الثالثة**، هي أن الرب لم يتوجّه بدعوته هذه، لعلماء في الناموس أو لفقهاء في العلوم المختلفة في ذلك العصر أو لأصحاب مقامات عالية الشأن، بل دعا أناساً بسطاء من المجتمع العادي، أناساً "غير متفلسفين"، لا مراكز إجتماعية وسياسية يتعلّقون بها، لا أموال ولا مُمتلكات أرضية يخافون عليها... وهذا ما يريده يسوع، لأنه هو نفسه من الطبقة الشعبية (ليس له موضع يُسند إليه رأسه) (متى 8: 20)، ولأن الرسالة السامية التي سوف يبشر بها، تتطلب تخلياً كبيراً، قد يصل إلى حد إخلاء الذات بالكامل، وهذه كانت مسيرة السيد له المجد "إذ أخلى ذاته أخذاً صورة العبد..." (في 2: 7). ونرى اليوم الصيادين الذين إستجابوا لدعوة يسوع، قد تركوا كل شيء (وهم أصلاً لم يكونوا يملكون الكثير)، وحتى الروابط العائلية، من أجل إتباع يسوع.

الخلاصة الروحية:

لم يفهم التلاميذ طوال فترة كرازة يسوع البُعد الحقيقي للكثير من أقواله، فقد تركوا كل شيء وتبعوه، تركوا صيد السمك كما أن البعض ترك أباه... وساروا وراءه، غير مُدركين فعلياً إلى أي "بحر" يتوجّهون وأي "سمك" سيصطادون. غير أنهم فهموا كل شيء فيما بعد على ضوء القيامة أولاً، ولكن خصوصاً على ضوء الروح القدس الذي أنارهم وذكرهم بكل ما قال وفعل الرب يسوع أثناء تدبيره على الأرض. فما أن حل الروح القدس عليهم حتى دبت الحياة في الجماعة الأولى، وكانت خطبة بطرس الأولى خير شاهد على "الصيد العجائبي" في ذلك اليوم المجيد.

في أحد "دعوة الرسل الأوائل"، نتأمل بدعوتنا نحن، أولاً كمسيحيين إذ علينا أن نحمل هذه الهوية بالفعل لا "على التذكرة"، فنحيا بموجبهما لأن دعوة الرب لنا هي دعوة إلى الحياة الشاهدة على محبة الله للبشر. وإن كنا مُكرّسين، فالمسؤولية مُضاعفة لأن "من يُعطي الكثير، سوف يُطلب منه الكثير". وإن العالم بأسره هو "البحر" الواسع المليء ب"الأسماك"، التي تنتظر "شبكة" بُشرى الخلاص، كي تمتد إليها وتحوي في طياتها أكثر بكثير من "مئة وثلاثة وخمسين" (يو 21: 11).

مهما يكن من أمر، إن يسوع يبدأ اليوم كرازته "الملكوّية"، ونراه يوجّه الدعوة لبعض الأشخاص من أجل إتياعه، كي يُصبحوا تلاميذ له وفوق ذلك "صيادي بشر" (حرفياً). إنه يُحدّد منذ البداية هدف هذه الدعوة، وهي دعوة خاصة جداً. سوف يطلون "صيادين"، أي المهنة نفسها، لكنهم سوف ينتقلون إلى الصيد في "بحار أخرى"، وبأبعاد مغايرة كلياً، بعد أن يختم "الصيد الأكبر" رسالته على الأرض. وسوف تكون كلمة الله هي الشبكة الجديدة التي تجمع "الأسماك" على أنواعها ومن كل "بحار" (أصقاع) الأرض.

وهنا، لا بدّ من التوقّف عند ثلاث ملاحظات:

Following Jesus Kids bulletin



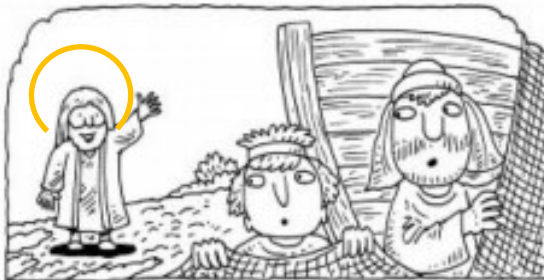
COME follow me



Jesus walked to a little town beside a lake. The town was called Galilee. There were fishing boats in the water.



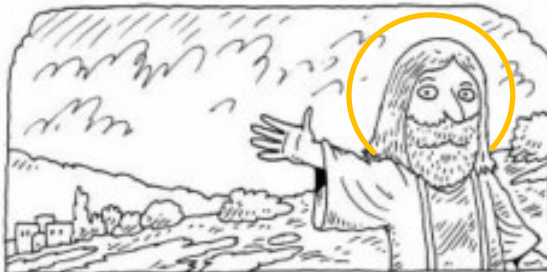
As Jesus walked along the beach He saw some men working. They had been fishing and were fixing the holes in their nets.



Jesus called out to them, "Simon and Andrew, come and follow me." Jesus knew their names and He knows you too!



Simon and Andrew put down their nets and they followed Jesus. They were His helpers. They went everywhere with Jesus.



Jesus told them, "Instead of catching fish, you will tell people about me. That will be your new job. You will be my helpers."



Jesus walked further along the beach. He saw two more men fishing. "James and John," He called, "come and follow me!"



James and John jumped out of their boats. They followed Jesus too. They wanted to be his helpers.



Jesus wants YOU to follow Him and tell your friends how much Jesus loves them so that they can follow Jesus too!



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

JUNE



حزيران - يونيو
2021

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Liturgical Symbols:

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 St Justin the Philosopher Romans 4:4-12 Matthew 7:15-21	2 St Nicephoros the Confessor Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 7:21-23	3 Feast of the Divine Body عيد الجسد الالهي 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 John 6:48-54	4 St Metrophanes of Constantinople Romans 5:17-6:2 Matthew 9:14-17	5 St Dorotheos of Tyre Romans 3:19-26 Matthew 7:1-8
6 2nd Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثاني بعد العنصرة Romans 2:10-16 Matthew 4:18-23	7 St Theodotos of Ancyra Romans 7:1-13 Matthew 9:36-10:8	8 Queen's Birthday Relics of St Theodore Romans 7:14-8:2 Matthew 10:9-15	9 St Cyril of Alexandria Hebrews 7:26-8:2 Matthew 5:14-19	10 Leave-taking of the Feast of the Divine Body وداع جسد الرب Romans 8:22-28 Matthew 10:23-31	11 Sts Bartholomew and Barnabas the Apostles Romans 9:6-19 Matthew 10:32-36, 11:1	12 St Peter of Athos Romans 3:28-4:3 Matthew 7:24-8:4
13 3rd Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الثالث بعد العنصرة Romans 5:1-10 Matthew 6:22-33	14 Holy Prophet Elisha Romans 9:18-33 Matthew 11:2-15	15 Holy Prophet Amos Romans 10:11-11:2 Matthew 11:16-20	16 St Tikhon of Cyprus Romans 11:2-12 Matthew 11:20-26	17 Sts Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael Romans 11:13-24 Matthew 11:27-30	18 St Leontios Romans 11:25-36 Matthew 12:1-8	19 St Jude the Apostle Beginning of the Apostles Fast بدء قطاعة الرسل Romans 6:11-17 Matthew 8:14-23
20 4th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الرابع بعد العنصرة Romans 6:18-23 Matthew 8:5-13	21 St Julian of Tarsus Romans 12:4-5, 15-21 Matthew 12:9-13	22 St Eusebios of Samosata Romans 14:9-18 Matthew 12:14-16, 22-30	23 Holy Martyr of Agrippina Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 1:29-45	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 16:1-16 Matthew 13:3-9	26 St David of Thessalonica Romans 8:14-21 Matthew 9:9-13
27 5th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الخامس بعد العنصرة Romans 10:1-10 Matthew 8:28-9:1	28 Relics of Sts Cyrus and John Romans 16:17-24 Matthew 13:10-23	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 للرسول 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Matthew 9:36-10:8			

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

At your command, the sick were made well.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Address : _____
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Telephone number : _____
Parent's Names : _____
Please circle one : (a) High school Graduate (b) College Graduate (c) Other
Name of School or College : _____
Degree : _____

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On the last Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 pm

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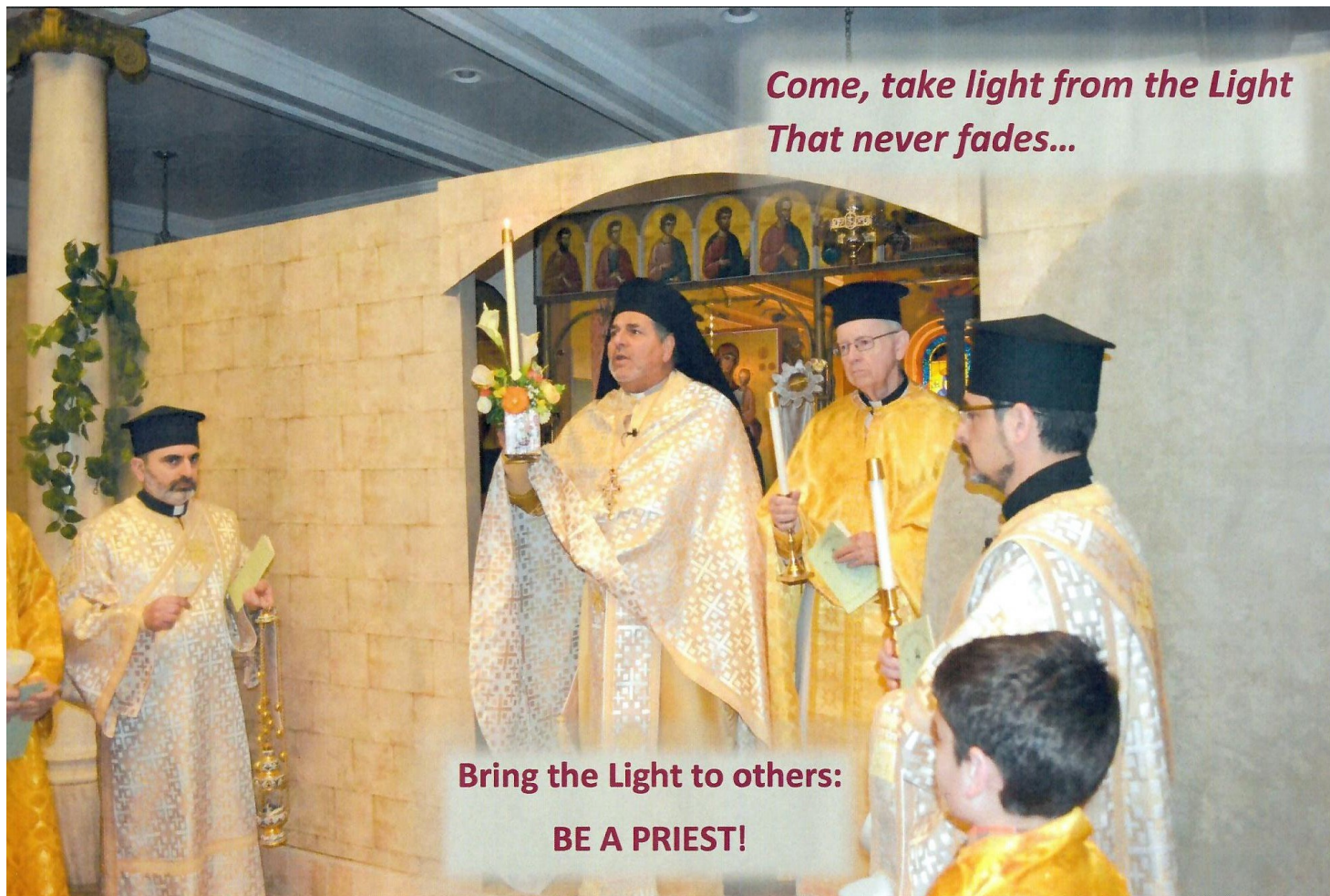
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CATEGORY	BEGINNING May 7 th	BEGINNING May 28 th
MASK WEARING	Required indoors and if less than 3ft spacing outdoors	Required indoors and if less than 3ft spacing outdoors
INDOOR DINING	80% indoors, 100% outdoors, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing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

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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

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