



February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865

### Parish Website :

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### Office hours :

Tue-Fri 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

### Divine Liturgies :

Tuesday through Friday at 9: 00 A.M.

Saturday at 4:00 P.M.

Sunday at 11:00 A.M.

**Pastoral Emergencies and anointing of the sick:** (401)722-1345

### Holy Mysteries:

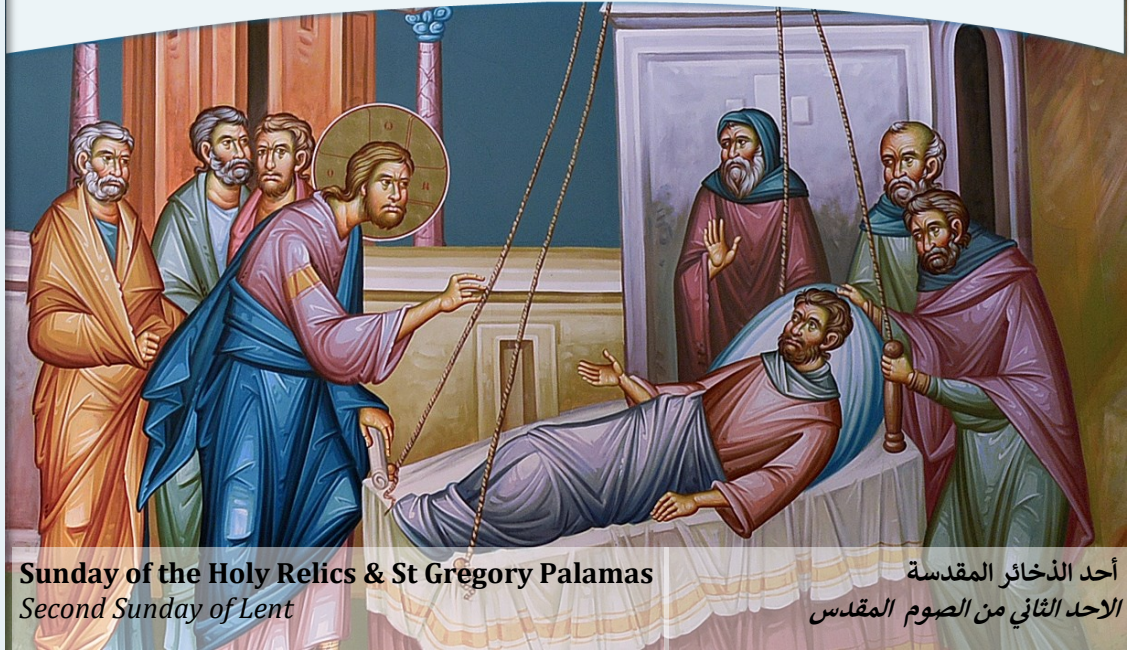
### Reconciliation:

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.



### Sunday of the Holy Relics & St Gregory Palamas Second Sunday of Lent

أحد الذخائر المقدسة  
الاحد الثاني من الصوم المقدس

### Antiphon Prayer

O Lord, our God, You have granted the holy martyrs that their relics would be spread throughout the world, including this church, to bring forth the grace of healing from diseases. Make us worthy, through the intercession of your Saints, to offer You the Spiritual Sacrifice and guide us on the way of Salvation For You are Good and the Lover of mankind and to You we render glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

### Troparion of the resurrection (6<sup>th</sup> tone)

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, and the guards became as dead men, and Mary stood by the Sepulcher seeking your spotless Body. You despoiled Hades and yet were not tempted by it, You met the Virgin O Bestower of Life. O Lord who rose from the dead glory to you.

### Troparion of our Holy Father Gregory Palamas (8<sup>th</sup> Tone)

O Gregory the Wonderworker, light of Orthodoxy, support and teacher of the Church, glory of monks and invincible protector of theologians, pride of Thessaloniki and preacher of grace: Pray without ceasing for the salvation of us all.

### 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

We your servants, ascribe to you, O Mother of God, thank-offerings of victory, O Champion Leader, for we have been liberated from terror; but as you have that invincible power do you free us from every kind of danger, so that we may cry out to You: Hail, O Virgin and Bride Ever-Pure!

### صلاة الأنديفوننة

أيها الرب إلهنا، يا مَنْ وَهَبَ لِلشُّهَدَاءِ لِلْقَدِّيسِينَ أَنْ تَتَوَرَّعَ أَعْضَاؤُهُمْ فِي كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ وَفِي هَذِهِ الْكَنِيسَةِ، لِنَأْتِيَ بِثَمَارِ الشِّفَاءِ مِنَ الْأَمْرَاضِ، أَهْلُنَا، بِشِفَاعَةِ قَدِّيسِكَ، لِأَنَّ نَقْدَمَ لَكَ الذَّبِيحَةَ الرُّوحِيَّةَ، وَاهْدِنَا سَبِيلَ الْخَلَاصِ لَأَنَّكَ إِلَهٌ صَالِحٌ وَمَحَبَّةٌ لِلبَشَرِ، وَالْيَكْ نَرْفَعُ الْمَجْدَ، أَيُّهَا الْآبُ وَالابْنُ وَالرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ.

### نشيد القيامة بالحن السادس

إِنَّ الْقَوَاتِ الْمَلَأَكِيَّةَ ظَهَرَتْ عَلَى قَبْرِكَ، وَالْحِرَاسَ صَارُوا كَالْأَمْوَاتِ، وَمَرِيْمَ وَقَفَتْ عِنْدَ الْقَبْرِ، طَالِبَةً جَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ. فَسَلَبْتَ الْجَحِيمَ وَلَمْ تَنْلِكَ بِأَذَى، وَلاَقَيْتَ الْبَتُولَ وَاهْبِأَ الْحَيَاةَ. فَيَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَا رَبَّ الْمَجْدِ لَكَ.

### نشيد العيد للقديس غريغوريوس بالحن الثامن

يَا كَوَكِبَ الْإِيمَانِ الْقَوِيمِ. وَقَبَّاتِ الْكَنِيسَةِ وَمُعَلِّمَهَا. يَا جَمَالَ الْمُتَوَخِّدِينَ. وَالْمَنَاضِلَ الَّذِي لَا يُحَازِبُ عَنْ الْمُتَكَلِّمِينَ بِالْإِلَهِيَّاتِ. غَرِيغُورِيُوسُ الصَّانِعُ الْعَجَائِبِ. يَا فَخْرَ تَسَالُونِيكِي وَالْمُنَادِي بِاللُّعْمَةِ. ابْتَهِلْ عَلَى الدَّوَامِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

### طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لَقَدْ ذَاغَ مَنْطَفُكَ فِي كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ. فَانْهَاقَ قَبْلَكَ كَلَامُكَ، الَّذِي بِهِ بَيَّنْتَ الْعَقَائِدَ بَيَانًا إِلَهِيًّا، وَأَوْضَحْتَ طَبِيعَةَ الْكَائِنَاتِ، وَنَظَّمْتَ أَخْلَاقَ الْبَشَرِ. فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْآبُ الْبَارُّ ذُو الْكَهَنُوتِ الْمَلُوكِيِّ، ابْتَهِلْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِي فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

### نشيد الختام

نَحْنُ غَيْرُيَبْدَكَ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، نَكْتُبُ لَكَ آيَاتِ الْغَلْبَةِ يَا قَائِدَةً قَاهِرَةً. وَنُقَدِّمُ الشُّكْرَ لَكَ وَقَدْ أُنْقَذْنَا مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ. لَكِنْ يَمَّا أَنَّ لَكَ الْعِزَّةَ الَّتِي لَا تُخَارَبُ، أَعْطَيْتَنَا مِنْ أَصْغَاتِ الْمَخَاطِرِ لِيَكُنْ نَصْرُحُ إِلَيْكَ: أَفْرَاحِي يَا غُرُوسَةً لَا غُرُوسَ لَهَا.



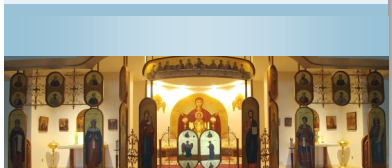


### Our church organizations:

**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>



### Hirmos

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and human race as well. O Sanctified Temple, Spiritual Paradise, and Glory of Virgins, from whom our God, who exists before all eternity, took flesh and became a little child. He has taken your womb as his throne, making it more spacious than the heavens. Therefore, O Full of Grace, in you all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

### Epistle of the 2nd Sunday of Lent, Hebrews 1:10-2:4, Prokimenon (Tone 5)

You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

Stichon: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

### Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews

You in the beginning, O Lord, did found the earth, and the heavens are works of your hands. They shall perish, but you shall continue; and they shall all grow old as does a garment, and as clothing shall you change them, and they shall be changed. But you are the same, and your years shall not fail (Ps. 101: 26-28)

Now, to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool at your feet" (Ps. 109: 1)? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent for service, for the sake of those who shall inherit salvation?

That is why we should all the more earnestly observe the things we have heard, lest perhaps we drift away. For if the word spoken by angels proved to be valid, and every transgression and disobedience received a just punishment, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? For it was first announced by the Lord and was confirmed to us by those who heard it.

Alleluia (Tone 5)

Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

Stichon: For you have said, "My kindness is established forever." In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

### Gospel of the 2nd Sunday of Lent, Mark 2:1-12 (Healing of the Paralytic)

At that time Jesus entered Capernaum, and it was reported that he was at home. And immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even around the door. And he spoke the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four. And since they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was, and, having made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the Paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." Now some of the Scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man blaspheme in this way? Who can forgive sins, beside God?" And at once Jesus, knowing in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why are you arguing these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, and take up your pallet, and walk'? But that you may know the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the paralytic — "I say to you, arise, take up your pallet, and go to your house," And immediately he arose and, taking up his pallet, went forth in the sight of all, so that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, "Never did we see anything like this!"

### النشيد لوالدة الإله

إن البرايا بأسرها تفرح بك يا ممتلئة نعمة. محافل الملائكة وأجناس البشر، لك يعظمون. أيها الهيكل المقدس والفردوس الناطق، وفخر البتولية، مريم، التي منها تجسد الإله وصار طفلاً، وهو إلهنا قبل الدهور. الذي صنع مستودعك عرشاً، وجعل بطنك أرحب من السماوات. لذلك يا ممتلئة نعمة، تفرح بك كل البرايا وتمجّدك!

### مقدمة الرسالة

أنت يا ربّ تحفظنا وتحميننا من هذا الجيل وإلى الدهر خلّصني يا رب، فإنّ البارّ قد فني، لأن الحقيقة قد ضبغت عند بني البشر

الرسالة (عبرانيين 1: 10 إلى 2: 3)

أنت أيها الرب في البدء أسست الأرض، والسماوات هي صنع يديك. هي تزول وأنت تبقى، وكلها تبلى كالثوب، وتطويها كالرداء فتتغير، وأنت أنت، وسنوك لن تفتن. ولَمَنْ من الملائكة قال قط: اجلس عن يميني حتى أجعل أعداءك موطئاً لقدمي؟ أليسوا جميعهم أرواحاً خادمة، مرسلّة لخدمته من أجل المزمعين أن يرثوا الخلاص؟ فلذلك يجب علينا أن نتنبّه إلى ما سمعناه غاية التنبّه، لئلا نبتعد عنه. فإنها إن كانت الكلمة التي تُطيق بها على أسننه الملائكة قد ثبتت، وكلّ تعدٍ ومعصية قد نال جزاءً عادلاً، فكيف نُفْتَلْنِ نحن إن أهملنا خلاصاً عظيماً كهذا قد تُطيق به على لسان الربّ أولاً، ثم ثبته لنا الذين سمعوه.

هللوا بمرحمتكم يا ربّ. أرثم، إلى الابد، إلى جيل فجيل أعلن حقك. بفي لألك قلت: إن الرحمة تُبنى إلى الابد، وفي السماوات يُهَيَّأُ حقك.

### انجيل الاحد الثاني من الصوم

الانجيل (مرقس 2: 1 – 12)

في ذلك الزمان، دخل يسوع كفرناحوم. وسمع أنه في بيت، ففي الحال اجتمع خلق كثير بحيث لم يبق موضع يسع ولا عند الباب، وكان يخاطبهم بالكلمة. فأتوا إليه بمخلع يحمله أربعة. وإذ لم يقدروا أن يقتربوا إليه بسبب الجمع، كشفوا السقف حيث كان، وبعد ما نقبوه دلوّوا الفراش الذي كان المخلع مضطجعا عليه. فلما رأى يسوع إيمانهم قال للمخلع: يا بني مغفورة لك خطاياك. وكان قوم من الكتبة جالسين هناك يفكرون في قلوبهم: ما بال هذا يتكلّم هكذا بالتجديف؟ من يقدّر أن يغفر الخطايا إلا الله وحده؟ فللوقت علم يسوع بروحه انهم يفكرون هكذا في أنفسهم. فقال لهم: لماذا تفكرون بهذا في قلوبكم؟ ما الایسر: أن يقال للمخلع مغفورة لك خطاياك. أم أن يقال قم احمل فراشك وامشي؟ ولكن لكي تعلموا ان ابن الانسان له سلطان على الارض ان يغفر الخطايا، قال للمخلع: لك أقول قم احمل فراشك واذهب الى بيتك. فقام للوقت وحمل فراشه وخرج أمام الجمع، حتى دهبوا كلهم ومجدوا الله قائلين: ما رأينا قط مثل هذا.







## ST. BASIL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** February 21, 2021: Budgets: \$4,076.00: Envelopes: \$4,067.00, Loose: \$9.00; Stipends: \$170.00; Candles: \$88.53; Addit'l Fuel: \$80.00; Building Fund: \$715.00; Donation: \$5,000.00; Addit'l Melkite Support: \$20.00; Religious Education: \$370.00; Tally's Rebate Check: \$1,344.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$15.00.

Today, Saturday February 27, and Sunday, February 28, there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT**. Please give generously.

Next Weekend, Saturday, March 6 & Sunday, March 7, 2021, there will be a special collection for your **FUEL OFFERINGS**. Please be generous in your support due to the escalating costs of gas and oil.

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:** Fr. Dan is still under the care of DANA FARBER CANCER RESEARCH HOSPITAL in Boston, MA. He has undergone a number of radiation treatments already out of the 25 needed, and if all goes well, the removal of the tumor could be in April. Please continue to 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.

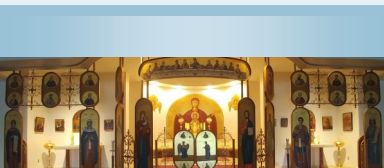
**THE GREAT AND HOLY TIME OF LENT:** Great Lent involves deepening of our prayer life. This includes private prayer as well as the services mentioned below. An important facet of Lent is Almsgiving. The **"SHEPHERD'S CARE"** mandated in our Melkite Parishes and missions throughout the United States is one good way to put the Almsgiving into practice. Various Services will be conducted during the weekdays of Lent, thereby making it convenient for more people. All services will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. except the Saturday Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. and the Sunday Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 2 - Great Compline  
Wednesday, March 3 - Divine Liturgy  
Thursday, March 4 - Great Compline

Friday, March 5 - Akathist Hymn  
Saturday, March 6 - Divine Liturgy  
Sunday, March 7 - Divine Liturgy

**2020 BUDGET STATEMENTS AVAILABLE:** It is that time of year to start thinking about the preparation of your 2020 Federal Income Tax Returns. Statements of your offerings to the Church for 2020 will only be issued upon request. If you would like a statement, please contact Father Joe at the rectory at 722-1345. To those who have been using envelopes, we extend our thanks, and a reminder to please mark the amount enclosed which facilitates the recording of your contributions and allows for more accuracy. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IN THIS REGARD!!!**

**REFLECTION:** When you say one thing, the clever person understands three. *Chinese (on wisdom)*





## Divine Liturgy Intentions



**TODAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT. SUNDAY OF THE HOLY RELICS. ST. GREGORY PALAMAS.**

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

- + **CLAUDINE RABBAT** by her grand-daughter Sherine Rabbat, her husband George Mussalli & Children
- + **ANTHONY S. LAZIEH (44<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by his children and grandchildren.
- + **ALBERT (67<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & JOSEPHINE (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) HARRAKA** by the Family.
- + **REV. ARCHDEACON GEORGE YANY** by Josephine Nassaney.
- + **ANGELA MAZZONE** by Josephine Nassaney.
- + **CARL J. MUELLER, JR.** by the Lazieh Family.
- + **MARY LAZIEH MUELLER** by the Lazieh Family.
- + **GEORGE KAHLA** by Abe, Michele, Nick, Missy & Kristina Domaney.
- + **JOSEPH HARRAKA** by George & Jeanne Harraka.
- + **MARY TAHAN** by Dennis Dakake.
- + **JOSEPH & ANGELA KAYATA** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke.
- + **CHARLES & ANNE O'ROURKE** by Michael & Barbara O'Rourke.
- + **LAYLA ANGELA CHARETTE** by Uncle Michael, Auntie B.; Greg & Katie.
- + **LAWRENCE & MARY MOON** by their children & grandchildren.
- + **WALTER J. LEMAY** by his wife, Shirley.
- + **ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE** by the Family.
- + **ABRAHAM HANNA** by his Family.
- + **STEVEN KILSEY** by his brother Jeffrey Kilsey.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.

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

- + **ADEL ALBATAL (40 Day)** by his loving Family.
- + **AUDETTE BAROODY (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)** by M/M David Baroody.
- + **MICHAEL L. KOUSSA, SR. (21<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)** by the Family.
- + **MARY T. KOUSSA (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by the Family.
- + **MARYLYN KOUSSA POMMENVILLE (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by the Family.
- + **MICHAEL ALAM** by John Alkhoury.
- + **MARIE CLAIRE CHOUHA KILZI** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **MICHAEL PATRICK LEFRANCOIS III** by his grandparents Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **ALBERT ALBA, SR.** by the Alba Family.
- + **ANTOINETTE ABDELNOUR** by Deacon Gilbert & Mimi Altongy.
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by the Aleppian Aid Society & Ladies' Auxiliary.
- + **LINDA ALKHOULY HADDAD** by Anthony & Fadia Rowey.
- + **YOUSSEF AGHIA** by Riad Khoury & Souhair Batal.
- + **GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL** by Joseph & Najat Charchafiah.
- + **ROBERT D. KING, SR.** by George & Kristen Baalbaki & Family.
- + **RUTH PERRY** by Kenneth, Ann, Allyson & Kimberly Sabbagh.
- + **JOSEPH P. AZAR, JR.** by Michael & Afaf Ashkar.
- + **ROSE KHOURY** by Dr. Roland & Micheline Ghanem.
- + **GEORGE BOUDJOUK** by Kevin Kishfy.
- + **YOUSSEF MADOUR** by Bassam Nema & Family.
- + **YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by M/M Norman Dakake.
- + **GEORGE DECKEY** by Bishara & Wafaa Tahhan.
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by Dr. & Mrs. Andre Nasser.
- + **ELIAS J. KISHFY** by M/M Ronald Pise & Family.
- + **JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by the Family.
- + **ALBERT J. KISHFY** by Michael & Amy Boudjouk & Family.
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- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **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.





# Spiritual and Physical Healing

In today's Gospel, we find buried a story of great faith. It is the story of four friends who carried a paralyzed man to see Jesus, because they believed in the healing power of this prophet. When the size of the crowd blocked their way, they did not stop. They climbed the house and dug through the roof, lowering the paralytic so that Jesus might gaze upon him and have mercy. And "when Jesus saw their faith", he performed a miracle and the paralytic walked again.

The core of this reading, to me, is the faith of these friends and this paralyzed man. Indeed, Jesus did not heal this man because he and his friends were rich or poor, respected or rejected, connected or cast out. Of these things, we know not. But we do know this: Jesus healed this man because of his faith and the faith of his friends. In this and other miracles, Jesus is clear that faith is required before healing can occur.

1. The Paralytic: Four men carried a friend to Jesus. It made all the difference in the world to the friend, for he was paralyzed and was unable to approach Jesus on his own. He had heard of the miracles Jesus had performed but had never seen them. His healing was out of the question: he couldn't go to Jesus on his own. Had his four friends not stepped in and brought him to Jesus, he would never have been cured. Their faith and love made his healing possible. Who does Jesus want me to bring to him? Do I invite people to prayer and adoration? Do I invite people to Mass and confession?

2. The Four Friends: These four men were not stopped by the obstacles in their way. How long they traveled isn't mentioned, but even a short distance is tiring when carrying a man on a mat. When they arrived at the house, it was full of people who had traveled to hear and see Jesus and to be cured by him. It was impossible for the men to get inside the house through the door, but they didn't give up. They didn't quit. They carried their friend up to the rooftop and lowered him down into the house. By persevering, we can achieve anything. Love knows no boundaries or limits.

3. Jesus: God wants to save people. He wants to bring real healing



into their lives, but he wants to heal them through us. Jesus could have found the paralyzed man. He chose, rather, to let the others bring the man to him. Jesus wanted to heal him, but without the charity in the hearts of the four men, the healing might never have been accomplished. Who does Jesus wish to encounter through me? How can I be a better instrument of his love?

Conversation with Christ: Lord, help me to realize more deeply that you want me involved in salvation history. I'm on the front lines. You entrust souls to me, and you want to bless their lives through my prayers, my sacrifices, and my work. Increase my love for these souls. They need my help and my fidelity. I don't want to let them down. Help me to be faithful.

Jesus deals first with the spiritual problem—the forgiveness of sins—and then the physical problem—the

physical affliction. Most people want it the other way around, putting greater emphasis on healing the physical ailment than fixing the spiritual problem. Solomon gives us the answer to which is more important: "The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, but who can bear a broken spirit?" (Proverbs 18:14). From God's perfect perspective, spiritual needs are always more critical than physical ones (Mark 8:36), so in this miracle, forgiveness precedes healing.

**Resolution: I will make a sacrifice today for the person most in need of God's grace.**

**To have faith is sometimes hard; Faith in ourselves, faith in our families, faith in our friends, faith in our God. We struggle. We hope. We pray. In the end, we find Jesus is right. Without faith, no miracles occur. If we do not believe for ourselves, no one can believe for us.**

**And when we have faith, we act. These friends opened up a roof. With our faith, we can open up our hearts and minds to reveal generosity, compassion, mercy and love. Through these expressions, we demonstrate our faith much like this group in today's Gospel demonstrated theirs. Because we believe and act, Jesus can see our faith, our intentions are heard, and miracles occur that make our lives, and lives of all we love, better.**



# الخلاص في المسيح

هكذا وبكلمة واحدة من يسوع تحولت كل الأنظار إلى هذا الرجل المقعد الذي شفى. هكذا تحولت كل الكلمات نحو هذا الرجل الصامت الذي لم يفتح فاه. هذا الخلع لم يتكلم كلمة واحدة... كانت كلمات يسوع له محيية: "مغفورة لك خطاياك... لك أقول انفض!" للحظة كان السؤال هل سينفض؟ بكلمة واحدة من يسوع هل سيملكه أن يحرك جسده المشلول؟ هذا العمل الذي كان مستحيلاً، بالإيمان تترجم عملاً عجائبيًا مدهشًا. جسد هذا الخلع تجدد وانتعش وقام وتحرك. بكلمة واحدة في هذه اللحظة الحرجة، بكلمة رجاء امتلأ قلب هذا المسكين شفاءً... أطاع وقام ومضى.

كل تلك السنوات الماضية التي كان فيها هذا المقعد محمولاً من غيره، هذه الكتلة من الألم واليأس، هذا التاريخ المأساوي، بأمر المسيح مُسح واتى، وهو الآن يعيش لحظات خلاصية. كلمات المسيح تقول لنا إن المأساة ليست في الشلل، إنما هي في الخطيئة. ويسوع شفى هذا المقعد من خطيئته ومن شلله.

وكل جاعة مسيحية أصابها الشلل، يقول لها المسيح أولاً: "مغفورة لك خطاياك!" انفضي!

من خلال هذا النص يمكننا أن نأخذ ثلاث عبرات:

1. الشر موجود، ممثّل بخطيئة هذا المقعد، بشلل هذا المقعد، ممثّل أيضاً في إيمان الكتبة الذين يراقبون المسيح والذين يعيقون المسيح في تقديم خلاص الله له وللناس.

2. محبو الخلاص موجودين، أراهم من خلال هؤلاء الحمالين الأربعة، الذين فعلوا كل شيء، وبذلوا جهداً كبيراً كي يحملوا المقعد للمسيح. إيمانهم كبير أن الخلاص هو بالمسيح فقط والأهم بالنسبة إليهم هو أن يصل هذا المقعد إلى المسيح وتغفر خطيئته ويشفى.

في هذا الأحد اليوم، هؤلاء الحمالون هم القديسين الذين يحملوننا في صلاتهم، ويحسوننا بحضورهم في ذخائرهم المقدسة ليقدمونا للمسيح لكي يشفينا.

ونحن أيضاً ذخائر حية في الكنيسة نحمل بعضنا البعض في الصلاة والصيام، نقدم بعضنا البعض إلى المسيح طالبين منه الخلاص ومغفرة خطايانا والشفاء من شلل نفوسنا وأجسادنا.

3. هذا المقعد، هو العبرة الأهم، لم يستسلم لشلله ولم يعتبر أن الخطيئة والمرض قدر محتم ولم يسمح لليأس أن يملك قلبه. هذا المقعد قبل المغفرة المقدمة من المسيح، وقبل الشفاء كهديّة عظيمة من الله. وهو مثال للتخلي بالصبر على الألم والتخلي بالرجاء، هو مثال الإيمان.

أقول لرِعيتي الحبيبة، الخلاص هو في المسيح، المهم أن تصلي إليه وتسمعينه يقول لك: "مغفورة لك خطاياك. انفضي! قوي". آمين



في هذا الأحد الثاني والمبارك من زمن الصيام، تعيد الكنيسة البيزنطية للذخائر المقدسة، وتكرّم فيها بقايا القديسين والقديسات والشهداء.

ما الذي سينتصر أخيراً في قلوب الناس الإيمان أو عدم الإيمان؟ يريد هذا النص المقدس أن يقول لنا إنّ الإيمان هو الذي سينتصر... من خلال هؤلاء الأشخاص الأربعة. إيمانهم أكيد، إيمانهم حيّ.

هؤلاء الأشخاص الأربعة يتألّمون بسبب الآلام هذا المقعد، هذا الصديق المحمّل. إيمانهم كان في يسوع أنه الشافي والمخلص والمُلجأ الأخير.

يترجم إيمان هؤلاء الأربعة بهمتهم وجهدهم: محمّلوا كلف الأمر، حملوا هذا الخلع واقتحموا الجموع وصعدوا به إلى السقف وبقوه ودلّوا صديقتهم منه. إيمانهم كسر كل الحواجز لكي يمتنعوا هذا الرجل الكسبيح بالعافية. وعدم الإيمان كان حاضراً هنا أيضاً. الإيمان وعدم الإيمان متواعدان هنا. عدم الإيمان ممثّل في قلب بعض الكتبة، كان ينتظر ويراقب ويسمع ويقيس، ليحكم ويدين.

هؤلاء الكتبة سمعوا وفهموا جيداً وقارنوا كلام يسوع بما يعتقدون به. بعدما سمعوا كلام المسيح "مغفورة لك خطاياك" سألوهم المسيح سؤال عدل، سؤالاً صحيحاً: "من يستطيع أن يغفر الخطايا إلا الله وحده؟" ولكنهم بالحقيقة غير قادرين على استيعاب الحل الحقيقي الذي قدمه المسيح. هربوا من فعل الإيمان الحقيقي. فبدل أن يستسلموا ويؤمنوا بقدرة الله ويقولوا: "هذا الرجل يفعل أفعال الله." فضلوا عدم الإيمان بقدرة الله وقالوا: "هذا الرجل يحذّف."

هؤلاء الأشخاص موجودون في كل زمان وفي كل مكان. يرفضون عطايا الله الحقيقية المقدمة بشخص المسيح. ربما كانوا يريدون المسيح رجلاً ذا قدرة كسائر الأنبياء، رجلاً يعمل كما هم يتخيلون الإيمان.

على عكس إيمان هؤلاء الرجال الأربعة الذين يحملون الخلع، الذين يؤمنون أن الله قادر أن يفعل أفعال خلاص شفاءً بسيطة. والمفارقة أن هؤلاء الأشخاص سمعوا من المسيح ما لم ينتظروه منه. هم يريدون الشفاء للمخلع من كسحه، ولكن كلمات يسوع لا دخل لها في الظاهر بالشفاء الجسدي الذي كانوا يرغبون سماعه. ولكن يسوع قال: "يا بني، مغفورة خطاياك."

أجاب المسيح على ما هو أهم من الشفاء الجسدي، أجابهم على ما هو جوهري، على ما هو أساسي. المسيح منح هذا الخلع أولاً شفاء القلب وشفاء الروح، منحه حرية تفوق حرية الحركة، منحه الخلاص الحقيقي.

ونحن أيضاً، أيها الإخوة والأخوات، ربما نطلب من المسيح شفاءً مادياً من خلال المال أو الممتلكات وربما الجاه، وربما شفاء للجسد، وهذا ما كان محبو هذا الخلع يريدونه. ولكن المسيح قدّم لهم ما هو أهم، الخلاص الحقيقي: سلام النفس والتحرر من الخطيئة. قدّم لهم كلمة أهم: "مغفورة لك خطاياك". إنّ المسيح هو ابن الإنسان الذي يقدم خلاص الله الحقيقي.

سبأني الشفاء، ولكن في مرحلة ثانية، سبأني كمكافأة على الإيمان، كعلامة لكي يعيد الإيمان إلى من فقد الإيمان، لاسيما هؤلاء الكتبة: "أمرك!" "لك أقول:" "قم احمل فراشك وامضي إلى بيتك."



# When you fast

*Jesus said, 'and when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your father who sees in secret will reward you:'*

*Matthew 6: 16-18 (Gospel of Cheesefare Sunday)*



When people think of the word "Lent," the word "fasting" is one of the first things that comes to mind. The cornerstone of Lent is not fasting, but repentance and growing in our faith. Fasting is a tool that is used to assist in spiritual growth. Fasting is also mischaracterized as a form of deprivation, rather than a spiritual discipline. Because fasting is so misunderstood, it is many times done incorrectly.

In the Orthodox world, we use the word "passions" to describe tendencies that each person has that lead us to sin. Each of us has a "passion" for anger, lust, power, greed, ego, etc. We do not get through life without wrestling with each of these, sometimes on a daily basis. The most basic "passion" is hunger. While we can go a day without a lustful thought or an angry thought, we can't go more than a few hours without a hungry thought. So, if we can tame our passion for eating, we can hopefully tame our other passions. If we can discipline ourselves to go without certain kinds of food, we can hopefully discipline ourselves so that we can go without certain kinds of behavior that are spiritually destructive. Thus, fasting is not about giving up something only to get it back. Fasting is about getting control of our passions, maintaining control over them, and ultimately giving control of ourselves to God.

If you've never fasted before, I would not recommend doing a strict fast. Try fasting from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent (and then throughout the year), then next year try fasting Wednesdays and Fridays plus all of the first week of Lent and all of Holy Week. Then work up from that.

Below is a guide of some levels of fasting:

- Level one -- Fast from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays and during Holy Week
- Level two -- Fast from meat and fish on Wednesdays and Fridays and during Holy Week
- Level three -- Fast from meat the entirety of Lent and Holy Week
- Level four -- Fast from meat and fish the entirety of Lent and Holy Week
- Level five -- Level four and eliminate dairy products during Holy Week
- Level six -- Level four and eliminate dairy products on Wednesday and Fridays and during Holy Week.
- Level seven -- Level four plus eliminate dairy products during all of Lent and Holy Week
- Level eight -- Level seven plus eliminate oil and wine during Holy Week
- Level nine -- The strict fast - no meat, fish, dairy products, wine or oil during the entirety of Great Lent

*\*\*Fish is allowed on March 25 (Annunciation) and Palm Sunday; oil and wine are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays, except for Holy Saturday.*

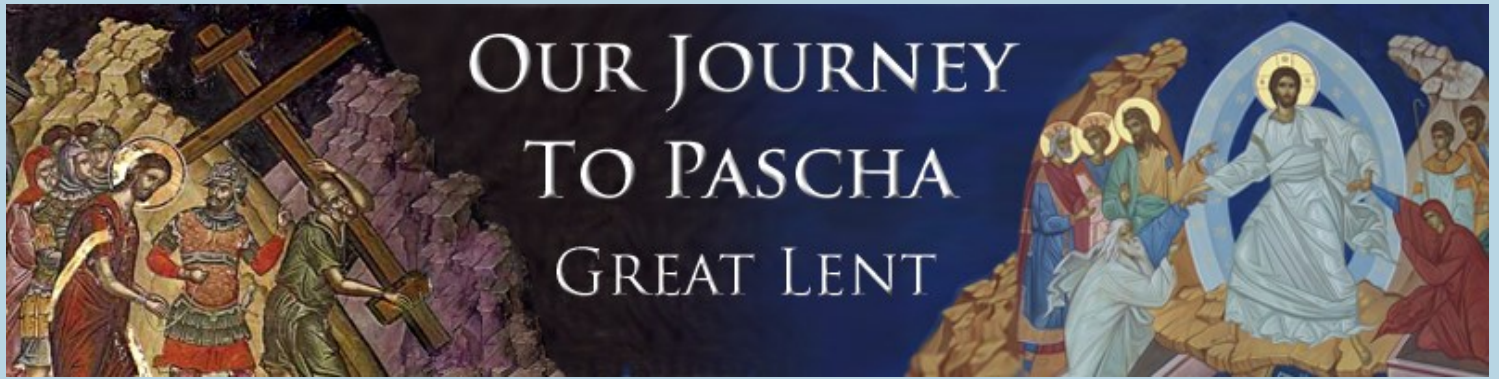
After a few years at one level, challenge yourself to go up a level.

More important, however, than fasting from food, is fasting from the behaviors that are spiritually destructive. We need to fast from things that get us in trouble - perhaps the television, alcohol, inappropriate materials on the computer and in movies, foul language, etc. Fasting also does not mean "looking" deprived, complaining about what you can't eat, or making a show of your fasting. In fact, if you are fasting and you are invited to someone's home for dinner and they serve meat, eat the meat, don't make a big deal out of your fasting. Also, do not pass judgment on others who are not fasting to the degree you are. Saint Paul reminds us in Romans 14:3-4: *"Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own Master that he stands or falls."* As Christ tells us, our fasting is seen by our "Father who is in secret," and He will reward us for our efforts.

**Again, Lent is not a season of deprivation, nor should we "give up" something only to get it back once Lent is over. Lent is about repentance, and making small and permanent changes to bring us closer to the Lord, changes that will last long after Lent is over. This is the purpose of the Lenten journey. Fasting is an aid to help us in this.**

*The time has come - the start of our spiritual contests, the victory over demons, the full armor of self-control the angels' dignity, the confidence before God. Thereby did Moses become conversant with the Creator, and heard the invisible voice. Lord, through fasting make us worthy to worship Your Passion and Holy Resurrection, as You love humanity. (Doxastikon of Orthros, Cheesefare Sunday, Trans. by Fr. Seraphim Dedes)*

**Give some thought to your fasting plan for Lent today!**

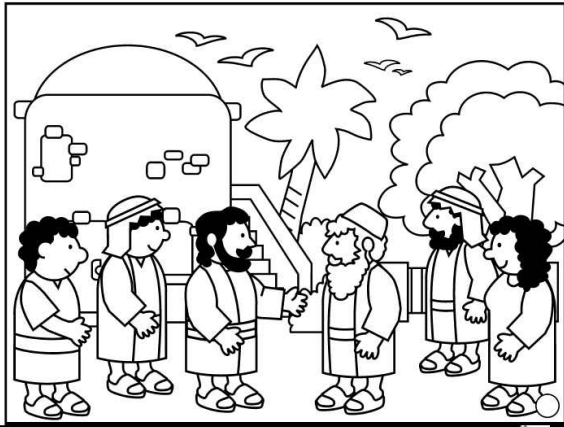
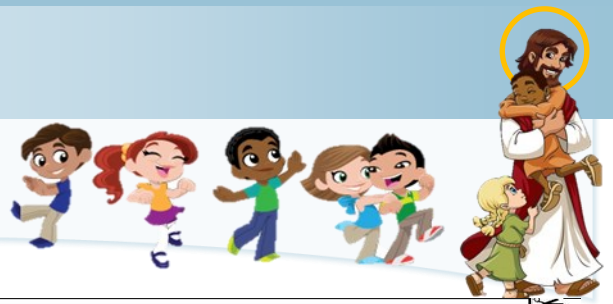


SUNDAY of FORGIVENESS	SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY	SUNDAY of ST GREGORY PALAMAS	SUNDAY of the HOLY CROSS	SUNDAY of ST JOHN CLIMACUS and the LADDER	SUNDAY of ST MARY of EGYPT	SATURDAY of LAZARUS
February 14	February 21	February 28	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 27
GOSPEL Matthew 6:14-21	GOSPEL John 1:43-51	GOSPEL Mark 2:1-12	GOSPEL Mark 8:34-38, 9:1	GOSPEL Mark 9:17-31	GOSPEL Mark 10:32-45	GOSPEL John 11:1-45
MESSAGE: Adam & Eve cast out of Paradise because of food. Moses fasted for 40 days from food to see God. <b>We too begin fast</b> from food to get back into Paradise and encounter God.	MESSAGE: Icons restored by St Theodora and son Emperor Michael in 843 AD. We rejoice in <b>One Lord, One God, One Baptism, and One Faith</b> shown in icons. God sees us, as Nathaniel in Gospel	MESSAGE FROM GOSPEL: Christ heals the paralytic brought by 4 friends thru the roof and all confess - <b>Who can forgive sins but God alone?</b> Discuss His authority given to our clergy for Confession	MESSAGE: The symbol of our faith as Christians which gives us strength to <b>continue to struggle</b> in the fast until we reach the Resurrection.	MESSAGE FROM GOSPEL: Jesus says, <b>"All things are possible to him who believes."</b> and heals epileptic child. Dad cried out <b>"I believe; help my unbelief!"</b>	MESSAGE: From age 12, St Mary lived a very sinful life but at age 30 wanted to become Christian and <b>repented</b> in the desert for forgiveness. She walked on water and a lion buried her! What is repentance?	MESSAGE: One week before Christ resurrects, He shows us <b>His power over death as fully God</b> by raising Lazarus from the dead, while also weeping <b>as fully man</b> for His dear friend Lazarus.
JESUS PRAYER SONG: "Lord Jesus Christ Son of God Have Mercy on Me the Sinner"	CRAFT: Make a family icon tree using each persons' Patron Saint. Christ is the trunk.	COLORING: Icon of Christ healing paralytic	CRAFT: Making Cross necklaces with string & beads	SENTENCE SCRAMBLE  COLORING: Icon of Christ healing epileptic child	COLORING: Icon of Christ preaching repentance	ACTIVITY: Mummy Wraps with toilet paper

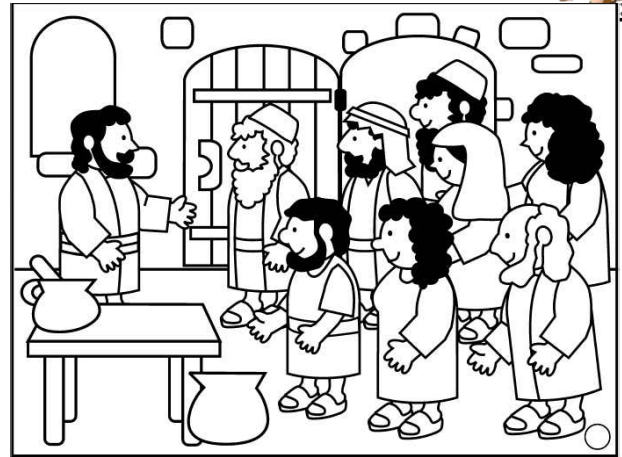


# Following Jesus

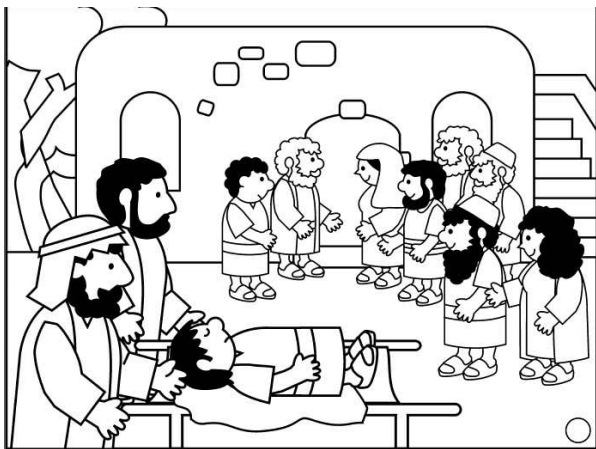
## Kids bulletin



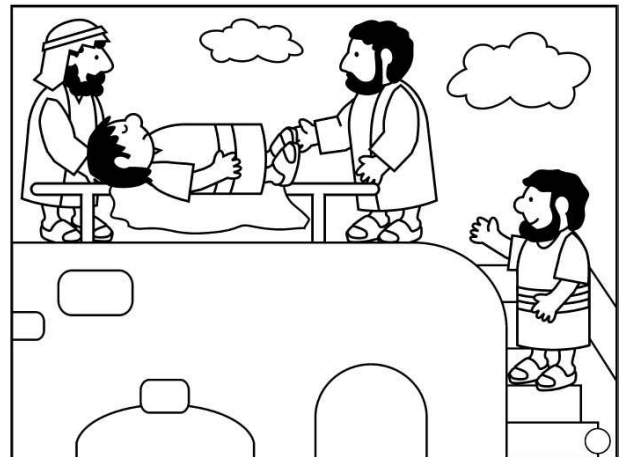
One day Jesus and His disciples went to the city of Capernaum. People were excited that Jesus had come, and they went to hear Him speak.



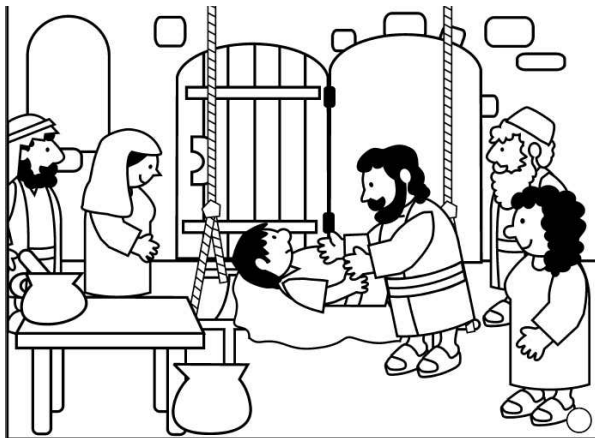
Jesus was inside a house, but it was very crowded. There were many people there wanting to see Jesus.



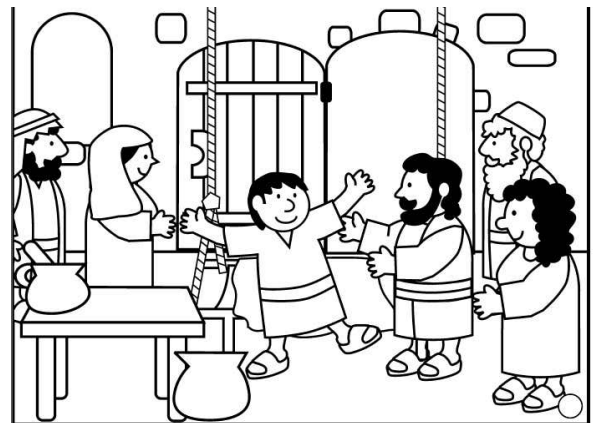
Some men had a friend who was sick. He couldn't move and had to lie in bed all the time. The men wanted Jesus to heal their friend, but there were so many people that they couldn't get close to



Suddenly, one of the men had an idea. Ever so carefully they carried the sick man up to the roof of the house.



They made a hole in the roof, big enough to lower the sick man and his bed into the house. They lowered their sick friend all the way down to where Jesus was standing. Jesus was happy that the sick man's friends had faith that He could heal their friend. "Stand up and walk," Jesus told the sick man and immediately the man stood up.



Jesus had healed him, and now he could move. He could stand and he could even jump! The man went running back to his home praising and thanking God for healing him.



# FEBRUARY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY



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January 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 23:34, 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 الأولى 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 الأرثوذكسية 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.

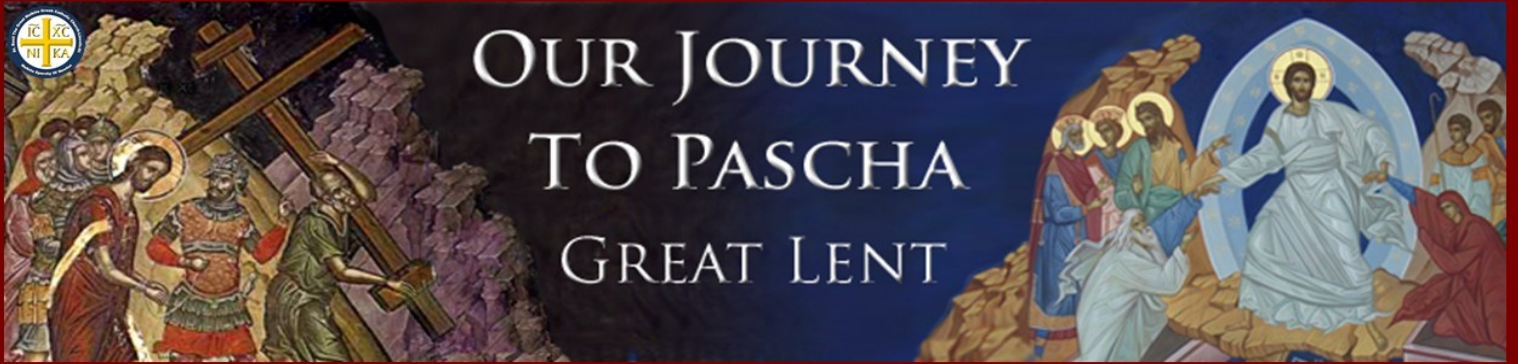
Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few,

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



St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church

## Weekly Prayer Services for the Great and Holy Lent

## خدمة الصلوات الأسبوعية خلال الصوم الكبير و المقدس

Tuesday	6:30 pm	Great Compline	الثلاثاء	الساعة 6:30 مساءً	صلاة النوم الكبرى - يا رب القوات
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Presanctified Divine Liturgy	الأربعاء	الساعة 6:30 مساءً	الإحتفال بالآقداص السابق تقديسها (البروجيازمين)
Thursday	6:30 pm	Great Compline	الخميس	الساعة 6:30 مساءً	صلاة النوم الكبرى - يا رب القوات
Friday	6:30 pm	Akathist (Hymn to the Theotokos)	الجمعة	الساعة 6:30 مساءً	صلاة المدائح لوالدة الإله الفانقة القداسة
Saturday	4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy	السبت	الساعة 4:00 مساءً	الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي
Sunday	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy	الأحد	الساعة 11:00 صباحاً	الإحتفال بالقداس الإلهي

"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)

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## **St Basil the Great Church is sponsoring a \$15,000 Raffle!**

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We are sponsoring a raffle giving away \$15,000 in prizes:

- 1st: drawing for \$5,000
- 2nd: drawing for \$2,500
- 3rd: drawing for \$1,000
- 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.

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# 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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