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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Divine Liturgies

Sunday Divine Liturgy
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Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

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

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

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



6th Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

الاحد السادس
بعد رفع الصليب

Troparion of the resurrection (3rd tone)

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

Troparion of St Basil

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

Kondakion:

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

نشيد القيامة بالبحن الثالث

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

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقتك في كل الأرض. فإنها قد قبلت كلامك،
الذي به بينت العقائد بياناً إلهياً، وأوضحت طبيعة
الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الآب البار ذو
الكنهات 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 الشفاعة، وأسري إلى الابتغال، يا
والدة الإله المحامية دائماً عن مكرميك.





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 Gal 1:11-19, 20th Sunday after the Pentecost Prokimenon (Tone 3)

Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise! Stichon: All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians

BRETHREN, I give you to understand that the Good News that was announced to you by me is not of man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was it taught to me [by man], but I received it by a revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of the way I lived before in Judaism: how I persecuted the Church of God and ravaged it beyond measure. And I advanced in Judaism above many of my contemporaries in my nation, showing much more zeal for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased Him Who from my mother's womb set me apart and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, immediately, without taking counsel with flesh and blood and without going up to Jerusalem to those who were appointed apostles before me, I retired into Arabia and again returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went to Jerusalem to see Peter, and I remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles, except James, the Lord's brother.

ALLELUIA (Tone 3)

In You, O Lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame.
 In Your justice, save me and deliver me.
 Stichon: Be for me a protecting God, a sheltering house to save me.

Gospel Luke 8:27-39

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

At that time when Jesus came to the country of the Gerasenes there met Him a certain man who for a long time was possessed by a devil, and wore no clothes, and lived in the tombs, not in a house. And when he saw Jesus, he fell down before Him, and crying out with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, Son of the most high God? I pray Thee, do not torment me." For he was charging the unclean spirit to go forth from the man. For many times it had laid hold of him; and he was bound with chains and fetters, and kept under guard, but he would break the bonds asunder, and be driven by the devil into the deserts. And Jesus asked him, saying, "What is thy name?" And he said, "Legion," because many devils had entered into him. And they entreated Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was there, feeding on the mountainside. And they kept entreating Him to give them leave to enter into them. And He gave them leave. And the devils came out from the man and entered into the swine; and the herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and were drowned. And when the swineherds saw what had happened, they fled and reported it in the town and in the country; and people came out to see what had happened. And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the devils had gone out sitting at His feet, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those also who had seen it reported to them how he had been saved from Legion. And all the people of the Gerasene district besought Him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear. And He got into a boat and went back. But the man from whom the devils had gone out prayed Him that he might remain with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to thy house, and tell all that God has done for thee." And he departed, proclaiming throughout the whole town all that Jesus had done for him.

الاحد العشرون بعد العنصرة مقدمة الرسالة

رَنَمُوا لِإِلَهِنا رَنَمُوا، رَنَمُوا لَمَلِكِنا رَنَمُوا
 يا جَمِيعَ الأُمَمِ صَفِّقُوا بِالأَيْدِي، هَلِّلُوا لِلَّهِ بِصَوْتِ
 الِابْتِهَاجِ

الرسالة (غلاطية 1: 11 – 19)

يا اخوة، أُعَلِّمُكُمْ ان الانجيل الذي بُشِّرَ به على يدي، ليس بحسب الانسان. لأني لم اتسلمه ولا تعلمته من انسان، بل بوحى يسوع المسيح. اذ قد سمعتم بسيرتي قديماً في ملة اليهود كيف كنت اضطهد كنيسة الله الى الغاية وأدمرتها. وأزِيدُ إقبالاً في ملة اليهود على كثيرين من اترابي في أُمِّي، بكوني أفوفهم غيرة على تقليدات آبائي. فلما ارتضى الله، الذي فرزني من جوف أُمي ودعاني بنعمته، أن يُعلن ابنه فيّ لأُبشِّرَ به بين الامم، لساعتي لم أصغ الى اللحم والدم، ولا صعدت الى اورشليم الى الذين هم رسل قبلي، بل سِرْتُ الى ديار العرب، ثم رجعت الى دمشق. وبعد ثلاث سنوات صعدت الى اورشليم لأزور بطرس. فأقمت عنده خمسة عشر يوماً. ولم أر غيره من الرسل سوى يعقوب أخي الرب.

هَلِّلُوا
 عليك ياربُ توكلت فلا أخزي الى الابد، بعدلك نَجِّني
 وانتشلي
 كن لي إلهاً محامياً، وبيت ملجأ لخلاصي

الاسبوع السادس بعد عيد الصليب (لوقا 8: 27-39)

في ذلك الزمان، لما أتى يسوع الى بقعة الغدرتين، استقبله رجل من المدينة به شياطين به زمان طويل، ولم يكن تلبس ثوباً ولا يأوي الى بيت بل الى القبور. فلما رأى يسوع صاح وخز له وقال بصوت عظيم: ما لي ولك يا يسوع ابن الله العلي؟ أطلبت إليك ألا تُعذِّبني. فإنه كان يأمر الروح النجس أن يخرج من الانسان، إذ كان قد استحوذ عليه من زمان طويل. وكان يرتبط بسلاسل وقيد ويحرس، فيقطع الربط ويسوقه الشيطان الى البراري. فسأله يسوع قائلاً: ما اسمك؟ فقال: جوقة. لأن شياطين كثيرين قد دخلوا فيه. وطلبوا اليه أن لا يأمرهم بالذهاب الى الهاوية. وكان هناك قطع خنازير كثيرة ترعى في الجبل. فطلبوا اليه أن يأذن لهم بالدخول فيها، فأذن لهم. فخرج الشياطين من الانسان، ودخلوا في الخنازير، فوثب القطيع عن الجرف الى البحيرة فاختنق. فلما رأى الرعاة ما حدث، هربوا وذهبوا، وأخبروا من في المدينة وفي الحقول. فخرجوا ليرى ما حدث. وأتوا الى يسوع، فوجدوا الانسان الذي خرجت منه الشياطين جالساً عند قدمي يسوع، لايسأ صحيح العقل، فخافوا. وأخبرهم النّاظرون كيف أبرئ المعترى. فسأله جميع جمهور بقعة الغدرتين أن ينصرف عنهم، لأنه استحوذ عليهم خوف عظيم. أمّا هو فركب السفينة ورجع فجعل يطلب اليه الرجل الذي خرجت منه الشياطين أن يكون معه، فصرقه يسوع قائلاً: ارجع الى بيتك، وحدث بما صنع الله اليك. فذهب وهو ينادي في المدينة كلها بما صنع اليه يسوع.



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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022: SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS. HIEROMARTYR JAMES, FIRST BISHOP OF JERUSALEM.

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **SADIE B. HARRAKA TAGER (Birthday Remem.)** by daughter, Barbara, Doug & Family.
- + **CATHERINE KANDO** by Helen Lacy.
- + **MARGARET SABBAGH** by Kyle & Marianna Mardo & Family
- + **DOLORES HAJJAR (Waterbury, CT)** by her cousin, Father Joe.

11:15 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **FRANCIS SAGGAL (4th Anniv,)** by Joseph & Yolanda Saggal.
- + **FARIZA CONINGFORD** by M/M Najib Hana.
- + **MICHAEL GEORGE BOUDJOUK (NJ)** by Justin & Danielle Boudjouk & Family.
- + **GEORGETTE S. SAGGAL** by Marco, Pamela, Sienna & Scarlett Pacheco.
- + **ALBERT P. YANY** by Mrs. Bertha Sanky.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: October 16, 2022: Budgets: \$2,339.00; Envelopes: \$2,142.00; Loose: \$197.00; Candles: \$106.00; Stole Offerings: \$225.00; Building Fund: \$85.00; Cooking with Sitto: \$120.00.

PLEASE NOTE: Before making any **ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS**, please contact the Church in advance. We would rather not have you disappointed if you've already made commitments without checking our schedule first.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Presently effective, the schedule of offerings in the parishes is now: Liturgies: \$25.00; Funerals: \$300.00. Weddings: \$300.00; Baptisms: \$100.00. Thus far, all Liturgy Offerings received from Funerals, which exceeded more than one year or even more, have had the maximum and minimum celebrations. Surplus ones have been deposited in the Building Fund, and placed on the altar and remembered collectively, similar to the customs of Spiritual Bouquets, Perpetual Mass Enrollments & Memorial Cards, as in Chapels, Shrines, & Monasteries. May the memories of our beloved deceased rest in peace & be eternal. Many thanks for your understanding and undivided attention in regard to these canonical guidelines and restrictions.

The Enthronement of Bishop Francois took place last Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 2:00 p.m. at Annunciation Melkite Greek Catholic Cathedral (West Roxbury, MA.) The Pontifical Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Bishop Francois, with Patriarch Joseph Absi presiding. Gala Reception followed in the Cathedral Hall. Twenty- six members from our parish were in attendance including the clergy. Complimentary transportation was provided. The Divine Liturgy and reception were awesome, including the speaking program.

God has chosen you as a true witness to Christ., the Good Shepherd. May He endow you with wisdom and ever deepening holiness as you guide the flock entrusted to your loving care. Congratulations and best wishes as you begin your service to the holy people of God. We know that you, with your skills in community building and collaboration, you will have much to offer to the Church and society as a whole. AXIOS! WORTHY! MUSTAHIQ!

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. Did we ever consider that some of us might not be in good standing and may need to change that?

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES ARE IN PROGRESS: All youth of our Parish, whether they attend Catholic/Christian schools or not, should register and attend our Church School on a weekly basis. Parents will be doing a great disservice to their children and to the Melkite Church if they do not cooperate with us in trying to teach the beliefs, traditions and spirituality of our Eastern Church to their children. We should be asking ourselves if this is part of the reason that we may lose our youth later on.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Are you formally registered with this Parish Church? How about your relatives and friends? Although this may not be the custom in some of the countries of our origin, it is the accepted procedure here. We cannot be of service to you if we do not know you as a member of our Parish Family. Some benefits that flow from this are receiving the parish mailings highlighting the ongoing activities and life of the Church, having the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and also Funerals celebrated for your family here in our church, receiving Letters of Recommendation, Introduction, Freedom to Marry Certificates, having the privilege and duty to support the church, etc. Merely attending here on any level does not really constitute being a member. Membership too has its ongoing responsibilities. Please contact any member of the clergy, to formally register.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
receive, seek and you
shall find, knock and it
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O Jesus, Who has said,
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will grant you," through
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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.





ANointing OF THE SICK: Traditionally, referred to as Extreme Unction or Last Rites, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was previously most commonly administered to the dying, for the remission of sins, and the provision of spiritual strength and health in modern times, however, its use has been expanded to all who are gravely ill or about to undergo a serious operation. The Church stresses a secondary effect of the sacrament: to help a person recover his health. Like Confession and Holy Communion, to which it is closely linked, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be repeated as often as it is necessary.

It is the Pastor's desire to provide the Sacraments or pastoral visits to our parishioners. Because the Federal Privacy Act HIPPA will not allow to respond if requests are made by friends or some other non-family member, it is important that the patient or a family member let the Pastor or one of the Deacons know when they are needed. When you or a family member are hospitalized or are homebound and are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please phone the church number at 401-722-1345 to arrange for a visit. It is also recommended that the family to inform the hospital or nursing home upon admission that the patient desires a visit from the Church.

If you anticipate a hospital stay or have a serious health problem, please ask Father Ephrem for the Sacrament following Divine Liturgy or contact the office as soon as possible. Although it is sometimes impossible to anticipate the need, waiting until the last minute could result in no priest being available or no time for the priest to arrive. Remember only a priest may provide this Sacrament as it includes remission of sin as well as healing.

The Sacrament of the Sick is a Sacrament of healing and should occur early in an illness when possible so that the patient will be able to participate in it.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, TODAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022: "Vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ". Pope Francis emphasizes these words, and quickly offers us the way to make a joy-filled, life-giving difference in this regard. "World Mission Sunday is a privileged moment when the faithful of various continents engage in *prayer* and *concrete gestures of solidarity* in support of the young Church in mission lands."

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FOOD FAIR THANK YOU! We would like to acknowledge the Food Fair Committee which expanded two years ago for the first time including all organizations. Our deepest gratitude to all the donors of raffle prizes and gifts, anonymous generous donations, food and pastry, and condiments; to all the volunteers and each and everyone who came forth with the committees in helping to put it all together, and who have contributed to the minute and extensive preparations necessary for the fulfillment of this two-day event. What a wonderful partnership this building of our church has been. Thanks to all of you, parishioners, friends, neighboring parishes and other areas who made the travel distances to share this wonderful weekend of comradery and fine tasting cuisine. This took time, energy, and treasure.

Everyone's presence was greatly appreciated and added a special touch these two days. It symbolizes a great reunion as evidenced by the support from outside our beloved church and community. It is difficult to name individuals, but each and everyone is inscribed in our heart, and Almighty God sees all and will reward us according to our good deeds for His greater glory. May we have another repeat, and as they say in Arabic: 'Abeel kil sineh'!

TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE: We are all links of a chain. A chain is as strong as its weakest link! What kind of link are you? Let us make 2022 & 2023 the years that we give more of ourselves in the strengthening of the chain St. Basil the Great Community. Hopefully, many more will step up in their real understanding of parish membership.

REFLECTION: If you want to feel Jesus, begin to talk lovingly about Him. Feelings will follow.

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Following Jesus Kids bulletin



IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD



AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US

Are you curious about what Deacons, Priests and Bishops are?

What about the Minor Orders? And what all these people do?

This article was written by + Fr. Thomas Hopko, a lovely scholar of the Church. Hopefully it might clear some confusion up for you about these "men in black".

Holy Orders



It is the conviction of the Church that Christ is the only priest, pastor and teacher of the Christian Church. He alone guides and rules his people. He alone forgives sins and offers communion with God, the Father.

It is also the Church's conviction that Christ has not abandoned his people, but that he remains with his Church as its living and unique head. Christ remains present and active in the Church through his Holy Spirit. The sacrament of holy orders in the Christian Church is the objective guarantee of the perpetual presence of Christ with his people. The bishops, priests, and deacons of the Church have no other function or service than to manifest the presence and action of Christ to his people. In this sense, the clergy do not act in behalf of Christ or instead of Christ as though he himself were absent. They are neither vicars of Christ, nor substitutes for Christ nor representatives of

Christ.

Christ is present now, always, and forever in his Church. The sacramental ministry of the Church—the bishops, priests, and deacons—receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to manifest Christ in the Spirit to men. Thus, through His chosen ministers, Christ exercises and realizes His unique and exclusive function as priest, perpetually offering Himself as the perfect sacrifice to the Father on behalf of His human brothers and sisters. Through His ministers in the Church, Christ also acts as teacher, Himself proclaiming the divine words of the Father to men. He acts as the good shepherd, the one pastor who guides His flock. He acts as the forgiver and healer, remitting sins and curing the ills of men— physical, mental and spiritual. He acts as bishop, overseeing the community which He has gathered for Himself (1 Pet 2.25). He acts as deacon (which means servant or minister) for He alone is the suffering servant of the Father Who has come "not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mt 20.28).

The sacrament of holy orders takes its name from the fact that the bishops, priests and deacons give order to the Church. They guarantee the continuity and unity of the Church from age to age and from place to place from the time of Christ and the apostles until the establishment of God's Kingdom in eternity.

As the apostles received the special gift of God to go forth and to make Christ present to men in all of the manifold aspects of his person and work, so the clergy of the Church receive the gift of God's Spirit to maintain and to manifest Christ's presence and action in the churches. It is the doctrine of the Church that the clergy must strive to fulfill the grace given to them with the gift of the "laying on of hands" in the most perfect way possible. But it is also the doctrine of the Church that the reality and effectiveness of the sacraments of the Church ministered by the clergy do not depend upon the personal virtue of the ministers, but upon the presence of Christ who acts in his Church by the Holy Spirit.

Bishops



The bishops are the leading members of the clergy in the sense that they have the responsibility and the service of maintaining the unity of the Church throughout the world by insuring the truth and unity of the faith and practice of their respective churches with all of the others. Thus, the bishops represent their particular churches or dioceses to the other churches or dioceses, just as they represent the Universal Church to their own particular priests, deacons, and people.

The office of bishop is the leading Church ministry. The word bishop (episkopos, in Greek) means overseer. Each of the bishops has exactly the same service to perform. No bishop is "over any other bishop in the Church" and, indeed, the bishop himself is not "over" his church, but is himself within and of the Church as one of its members. He is the one who is responsible and answerable before God and man for the life of his particular church community.

All bishops of the Church are bishops of a particular geographical territory called a diocese [also known as an eparchy]. They usually receive their title from the main city in the territory. A bishop of the chief city of a region which has within it other bishops with their own particular dioceses is usually called the metropolitan or archbishop. "Metropolitan" merely means "bishop of the metropolis," the main city. The title of archbishop means "leading bishop" of an area, but sometimes the title is given to certain bishops for personal or honorary reasons. The title of patriarch belongs to the bishop of the capitol city of a region containing other metropolitanates and dioceses. Today this usually means a national church.

When the bishops of an area meet in council, as they must do periodically according to Church Law, the metropolitan presides; or in the case of a large territory or national church, the patriarch. Once again, however, it must be clearly understood that sacramentally all bishops are identical and equal. None is "higher" than the others as far as their sacramental position is concerned; none is "over" the others as far as their life in the Church is concerned. In purely human and practical matters, the metropolitans and patriarchs guide and preside over areas greater than their own particular dioceses, but they are not superior or more powerful as far as their bishop's office is concerned.

All are servants of Christ and the Church. Since the sixth century it has been the rule in the Church that bishops be single men or widowers. They are also usually in at least the first degree of monastic orders.

Are you curious about what Deacons, Priests and Bishops are? What about the Minor Orders? And what all these people do? (...Continued)

Priests

The priests of the Church, also called presbyters, are those who assist the bishop in his work. In the present day, the priests normally exercise the function of pastors of the local churches or parishes, a function which was normally done by the bishops in early times. The priests head the local congregations of Christians.

They preside at the celebration of the liturgy. They teach, preach, counsel and exercise the ministries of forgiveness and healing.

The priests in the Church are assigned by the bishop and belong to the specific congregations which they serve.

No one receives the gift of the priesthood personally or individually. Apart from his bishop and his own particular parish community, the priest has no "powers" and, indeed, no services to perform.

Thus, on the altar table of each Christian community headed by the priest as pastor, there is the cloth called the antimimension signed by the bishop which is the permission to the community to gather and to act as the Church of God.

Without the antimimension, the priest and his people cannot function legitimately, and the actions of the assembly cannot be considered as being authentically "of the Church."

In the Eastern Churches a married man may be ordained to the priesthood. His marriage, however, must be the first for both him and his wife, and he may not remarry and continue in his ministry if his wife should die. If a single man is ordained, he may not marry and retain his service.



Deacons

The deacons of the Church originally assisted the bishops in good deeds and works of charity.

In recent centuries the diaconate has become almost exclusively a liturgical function in which the deacons assist at the celebration of the divine liturgy and other Church services.

In more recent times, the diaconate has been extended to many as a permanent position for full or part-time service to the work of the Church. In the office of deacon, the men may now not only assist the priest and bishop in liturgical services, but will often head educational programs and youth groups, do hospital visitation and missionary work and conduct projects of social welfare.

In these cases the deacons are not necessarily taken from the professional schools of theology, but are chosen directly from the local parish community. The Church's rules about marriage are the same for the deacons as they are for the priests.

Others

In addition to the bishops, priests and deacons who comprise the central ordained ministries in the Church, the Orthodox tradition also has special blessings for the particular ministries of sub-deacons and readers.

In the early church there were also special prayers and blessings for other Church ministries such as exorcists, doorkeepers, deaconesses, and lay-preachers; the latter still function in some churches today.

Also in most churches today there are special ceremonies of blessing and installation of lay workers in the Church such as members of the parish council, catechists, choir singers and leaders of various organizations and projects.



Life After Demons and Pigs



It's probably human nature to think about moving on to a new place from time to time. The prospect of starting over, putting our old problems behind us, and having new and exciting opportunities often appeals to us. Sometimes we just get restless and long for something new.

That's how the man in today's gospel lesson felt. Jesus Christ had cast many demons out of him and had delivered him from a terrible existence. The wretched man had been naked, living in a cemetery, with no family or friends. Everyone was afraid of him, for even chains and shackles could not control him when the demons took over. After the Lord set him free, the man understandably wanted to leave town, to follow the One who had delivered him. But Christ did not want him to do that. Instead, he was to return to his own house and tell what great things God had done him. So that is what he did; he proclaimed throughout the whole city how the Lord had blessed him and had given him his life back.

We surely cannot blame this poor fellow for wanting to move on. He must have been known in the country of the Gadarenes as that crazy man whom everybody feared. That is apparent from people's reaction to the sight of him when he is finally clothed and in his right mind. They were afraid and probably wondered what would happen next. They even asked the Lord to depart because of it. Perhaps this was some kind of trick. Maybe he would become violent again at any moment. The man knew that this was how people viewed him and was probably ashamed, as any of us would be in his situation. So he wanted to put his hometown behind him and not look back. He wanted simply to be with Jesus Christ, who was probably the only person who had shown him compassion and friendship in many years.

But that was not Christ's plan. He knew that the Gadarenes did not understand the Gospel. He knew that they were so disturbed by the amazing changes in the man's life that they could not hear the word of the Lord. So it was time for the Savior to leave, but the man who had been possessed by demons was to stay. For eventually, people would see that the positive changes in this man were permanent. Over time, they would get to know him and accept him. And his new life would be living proof of Christ's salvation. He would be living evidence that God's blessing and healing have come even to demon-possessed Gentiles of whom everyone was terrified. He would be a living sign that the mercy of Christ extends to all and can heal even the worst wounds and diseases of our souls.

We are called, like the man in today's lesson, to stay right where we are, among those who know us well—for good or for bad—to work out our salvation together with them. Our challenge is to accept with humility the family, the church community, the job, the school, the friends, the neighborhood, the blessings and the challenges, that God in His providence has allowed us to face. No, He is never the author of evil, but He calls us to put up with one another's weaknesses and life's disappointments with patience, perseverance, and forgiveness. If we think that the grass is always greener somewhere else, we will never learn that we are members of a Body, that we are not isolated individuals, but members of one another in Christ. Whether in church, family, work, school, or friendships, it is by bearing with one another that we work through our difficulties and learn to stop thinking simply in terms of our own desires, but in terms of what is best for others with whom we share a common life.

Staying put is often good, not only for our communities and relationships, but for ourselves. The man who had been demon-possessed could have left his town and put that sad part of his life behind him. It would have been easier for him to forget his painful past by moving on. But perhaps we kid ourselves when we think that it is best to put the dark moments of our lives completely out of mind. They are

reminders of our weakness and of the truth that that we do not save ourselves, that we are always dependent upon the Lord's mercy and blessing in our lives. We are never self-sufficient as Christians, and our journey is not one of perfect success. No, we should not obsess on our weaknesses, failures, and pains; it is rarely helpful to dwell upon them. We should be grateful and joyful about God's blessings in our lives. But we should also acknowledge what our past sins reveal about us: our spiritual sickness and brokenness, and the fact that we can easily fall back into the pit of our own corruption. When we remember who we were, and where we are tempted to return, we are reminded to stay focused, to be on guard, and to be all the more thankful that the Lord has raised us up from our low estate. It was true for the Gadarene demoniac, and it is true for all of us who have put on the new life in Christ. When we remember what it was like to wallow in the mire of our passions like pigs in mud, we will glorify with humility the One who set us free.

Another reason for staying home was the impact that this man's example would have on his friends and neighbors. For there is no more powerful evidence of the truth of the Gospel, there is no stronger witness of Christ's salvation, than a life transformed. That poor man was so overwhelmed by evil that he had lost his identity as a person. When the Lord asked him his name, the man replied, "Legion," because he was filled with so many demons. And, as we have seen, he acted like someone controlled by the forces of evil. But after Christ delivered him, the man returned to a normal human life, clothed and in his right mind.

If he had left town, no one whom he met would have known about his past unless he had mentioned it. And even if he told them about it, the story would not be nearly as significant for them as it would be for the people in his hometown. It is one thing to hear about someone's transformation, but quite another to see it with your own eyes. And it was only by staying home that this man was able to become a uniquely powerful icon of what Jesus Christ can do to heal and fulfill even the most miserable human being.

Of course, we have not been running around demon-possessed, naked, and out of our minds in cemeteries. But we have all at times give into our temptations and allowed our passions to overtake us. Though we may have repented and found God's forgiveness, we can still be ashamed to encounter people or situations that remind us of our failings. Out of pride, we do not want to be reminded of how we acted and how we may be tempted to act again. Granted, we should not put ourselves in situations of great temptation when we can avoid it. But we also should not hide our light under a bushel; we should not allow pride to keep us from showing others to what the Lord has done for us. Like the Gadarene demoniac, we should return to our house, our home, our neighborhood, our classroom, our workplace, our friendships, and become a living example of what Jesus Christ can do in the lives of sinners.

Some may be skeptical of the changes in us or even afraid and ask us to leave, as they did to Christ Himself. Regardless of that, we should simply focus on living with joy, gratitude, and humility the new life that the Lord has given us. That is how we will proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God even as we remain in our familiar settings, giving thanks for the great things that Christ has done for us. And then others will know that the Lord's mercy, blessing, and healing are for people just like you and me, right where we are, no matter how painful the past has been. As St. Seraphim of Sarov taught, "Acquire the Spirit of peace and thousands around you will be saved."

مجنوني الجدرين



اليوم، يخرج الرب يسوع من النطاقين الجغرافيين والبشريين المعتادين، حيث كان يكرز بملكوت الله في الجليل وسط "الخراف الضالة من آل إسرائيل"، ويتوجه إلى منطقة مُقابِلة، أطلق عليها متى إسم بقعة "الجدرين" (أو "كورة الجرجسيين"). ويبدو أن هذه البقعة يكثر فيها "غير اليهود"، بدليل وجود قطعان للخنازير في كنفها. لا بد من الإشارة هنا، إلى أن الإنجيليين "الإزائيين" الثلاثة قد أوردوا الرواية نفسها، لكن متى تكلم عن مجنونين (متى 8: 28-34)، فيما تكلم مرقس ولوقا عن مجنون واحد (مر 5: 1-20) و(لو 8: 27-39). كما كان متى أكثر دقةً في تسمية ووصف مكان حصول الآية (بقعة "الجرجسيين")، فهو يعرف المنطقة وشعبها أكثر من مرقس ولوقا، وهو أساساً شاهد عيان للرب يسوع (كونه من "الإثني عشر")، ويُخاطب جمهوراً من المؤمنين من أصول يهودية. بينما مرقس ولوقا يُخاطبان مؤمنين من أصول "أممية" (وثنية). مهما يكن الأمر، فإن جوهر الخطاب واحد، وهو إظهار سلطان يسوع المُطلق على "الأرواح النجسة"، ومسيحيانيته من خلال كل أعماله.

تستوقفنا في رواية اليوم أربع نقاط أساسية:

* في النقطة الأولى، إن المكان الذي أتى يسوع إليه اليوم، هي أرض غريبة نسبياً عن البيئة التي إعتاد يسوع أن يُبشِّرَ فيها. وهي ترمز إلى أرض "الغربة عن الله"، حيث مرتع "الشياطين" وحيث تكثر الخطيئة والموت، وذلك يتجلى بصورتين: الخنازير والقبور. وليس أدلّ على ذلك من المُقارنة مع "الأرض البعيدة" التي انطلق إليها "الابن الضال"، والذي وصل إلى الحضيض لدرجة أنه يضطرّ لأن يرى الخنازير ليبقى حيّاً (جسدياً)، وهو "حيّ - ميت" فعليّاً... إلى ذلك، نُضيف نقطة مهمة جداً، وهو أن "ساكني" هذه البقعة يكونون على صورتها، والعكس بالعكس. فمن يغيب الله عن حياته، يدخل فعليّاً "قبر النفس" وتُعشّش "شياطين النفس" في حياته وتصرفاته كلّها...

* في النقطة الثانية، يستقبله إنسانان مجنونان، ممسوسان، مُعتريان (التوصيفات كثيرة)... وفي مفاهيم ذلك الزمان، كان يُقال إن "فيهما شياطين كثيرة". وكان هذان يسكنان القبور (رمزاً لإنفصالهما عن المُجتمع)، وكانا هائجين جداً (دليل إنفصالهما عن الواقع)... ليس لهما من "الإنسان" إلا الإسم والشكل الخارجي. بُمكننا تشبيههما بسفينة غارقة في قعر البحر، أو بشيء قد ضربه "الصدأ"... هما شخصان إستعبداً بالكامل ولم تعد لهما إرادة حرّة واعية. هما شخصان يهرب منهما الجميع، يخاف منهما الجميع، ويحكم عليهما الجميع. وإستطراداً، نقول إن مرقس ولوقا قد حرصا على إيراد إسم "الروح النجس"، وهو "الجنون" أي جوقة، فإن عرفنا أن "الجنون" تعني مجموعة من قرابة ستة آلاف شخص، لأدركنا مدى إستعباد هكذا أشخاص من "الشياطين"، ومدى هبوطهم إلى الحضيض.

هما إذا صورة عن العبودية الشخصية بالكامل لعالم الخطيئة والشرّ، وتسليم الذات إلى "الشياطين" (الأهواء الشريرة على إختلافها) وليس إلى الله، وإلا لماذا كانا يسكنان القبور؟ حين نُصبح عبيداً لخطيئتنا، نبتعد عن النعمة الإلهية، ونسكن بدورنا "القبور"، حيث لا حياة بل موت فعلي... بالخطيئة، تسكن نفوسنا في "القبور" قبل أن تسكنها أجسادنا. حين نغمس بالريذيلة، نبتعد عن "النور" وعن عيون الناس، لأننا نخجل بأفعالنا، ونكون "فُظُلنا الظلمة على النور"... كما أنه، في الرؤية الشاملة، هذان "المجنونان" هما صورة عن حال البشرية جمعاء التي إستعبدها "إبليس" وأبعدها عن سبل الله، ولم تعد قادرة على التحرّر بمجهودها، "فأعوّزها مجد الله" (رو 3: 23)... وعلى مثال الممسوسين العائشين في العراء وخارج مدينتهما، فإن البشرية أصبحت عارية من نعمة الله وبالتالي خارج الفردوس (خارج قلب الله).

* في النقطة الثالثة، وفيما نرى يسوع يأخذ المُبادرة ويشفي المجنونين (ذلك أنهما فاقد الإدراك الفعلي من كثرة "الشياطين" التي إعتريتهما)، نرى هذه "الشياطين" يُصيبها الهلع

* في النقطة الرابعة، ما يلفتنا هو موقف سكان تلك المنطقة بعدما أخبرهم رعاة الخنازير بما جرى، فجاؤوا إلى المكان وعابنوا ما حصل... فلم يهتموا قطّ بشفاء الرجلين، أو بظهور علامة من علامات "ملكوت السماوات". لم يفرحوا بشفاء إبني مدينتهم، وبعودة كرامتهما الإنسانية إليهما، بل خافوا فوراً على مصادر رزقهم، وطلبوا إلى يسوع المغادرة... وهذه حال كل واحد منا حين يُفضل مصالحه وأمجاد العالم على الدخول في سرّ الحياة بالله، ولا يفرح لشفاء أخيه من خطايه (موقف الأخ الأكبر في مثل "الابن الضال"). فعلياً أن ندرك أن ابن الله دخل في صميم حياة البشر "لكي يُخلّص ما قد هلك" ويُعيد الخليقة إلى حياة النعمة... شتان ما بين موقف هؤلاء "الجدرين" الذين رفضوا يسوع، وموقف السامريين الذين إستضافوه مدّة بوقت في ما بينهم، وقبلوا كلمة الحياة.

ثالثاً - الخلاصة الروحية:

وبعد، إن هذه الرواية تبيّن لنا حالة الإنسان (وكذلك العالم) المُبتعد عن الله والمُستعبد من "إبليس"، والذي "يُعوّز مجد الله". إن الإنسان الذي ينقاد إلى نزواته الأرضية، الزائلة، المؤقتة إلخ... ويُصبح عبداً لها، يكون على مثال "مجنوني الجدرين"، ويعيش في "قبر" أو سجن أهوائه. وكلّنا يعلم في قرارة نفسه ما أكثر "الشياطين" في حياتنا، وكم أن النفس البشرية هي "ساحة صراع" يومي بين الرغبة في الخير وعمل الشرّ، كقول بولس الرسول "الخير الذي أريده لا أفعله، والشرّ الذي لا أريده إياه أفعل" (روم 7: 19)... إن مجد الله ظهر في شخص يسوع المسيح ابن الله المتجسد، الذي جاء ليصنع مشيئة أبيه السماوي ("لا تكن مشيئتي بل مشيئتك")، وهي خلاص ما قد هلك وإعادة الخليقة إلى حالة النعمة الأصلية. وكل بشارة الإنجيل هي لإخبارنا عن محبة الله التي ظهرت في ملء الزمان، عبر الخلاص الذي تمّ ببسوع المسيح، والذي جوهره تحرير الإنسان من عبودية الخطيئة والموت.

لقد أظهر الرب يسوع بهذه الآيّة سلطانه الإلهي المُطلق حتى على "الأرواح النجسة"، وبين لهذه "الشياطين" أن نهايتها لا بدّ آتية، لأن ملكوت الله قد إقترّب بشخصه، مُحَرِّراً البشر من نيرها. وسوف يبقى هذا "التجاذب" بين مملكة الشيطان وملكوت الله قائماً، بدءاً من تجربة يسوع في البرية، مروراً بطرد الشياطين من البشر، وصولاً إلى "عرس" الصليب، حيث إعتقد الشيطان أنه إنتصر على ابن الله. لكن الإنتصار النهائي سيبدأ في "اليوم الذي صنعه الرب"، وسوف يكتمل في "اليوم الأخير" حيث ستكون لله الكلمة الأخيرة.

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On Sunday, October 30, 2022

After the 11:15 am Divine Liturgy

St. Basil the Great Church

Pumpkins will be provided



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



OCTOBER	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30 5 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الخامس بعد الصليب Galatians 2:16-20 Luke 16:19-31	31 St Stachys and his companions Colossians 2:13-20 Luke 11:29-33					1 St Romanos the Melodist Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
تشرين الأول - أكتوبر 2022	2 2 nd Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثاني بعد عيد الصليب 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 Luke 6:31-36	3 St Thérèse of the Child Jesus Ephesians 4:25-32 Luke 6:24-30	4 St Hierotheos of Athens Ephesians 5:20-25 Luke 6:37-45	5 St Charitina Ephesians 5:25-33 Luke 6:46-7:1	6 St Thomas the Apostle 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 20:19-31	7 Sts Sergios and Bacchos Ephesians 6:18-24 Luke 7:31-35	8 St Pelagia 1 Corinthians 15:39-45 Luke 5:27-32
SEPTEMBER 2022 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	9 St James the Apostle 3 rd Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثالث بعد الصليب 2 Corinthians 4:9-15 Luke 7:11-16	10 Sts Eulampios and Eulampia Philippians 1:1-7 Luke 7:36-50	11 St Theophane of Nicaea Philippians 1:8-14 Luke 8:1-3	12 Sts Probus, Tarachos and Andronicos Philippians 1:12-19 Luke 8:22-25	13 Sts Carpos, Pappylas, Agathonicos Philippians 1:20-27 Luke 9:7-11	14 St Cosmas of Maiuma Philippians 1:27-24 Luke 9:12-18	15 St Lucian of Antioch 1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3 Luke 6:1-10
NOVEMBER 2022 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	16 Second Council of Nicaea أحد أباء مجمع نيقية الثاني Titus 3:8-15 Luke 8:5-15	17 St Andrew of Crete Philippians 2:12-16 Luke 9:18-22	18 St Luke the Apostle Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18 Luke 10:16-21	19 Holy Prophet Joel Philippians 2:24-30 Luke 9:44-50	20 St Artemios Philippians 3:1-8 Luke 9:49-56	21 St Hilarion Philippians 3:8-19 Luke 10:1-15	22 Seven martyrs at Ephesus 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 Luke 7:1-10
	23 6 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد السادس بعد عيد الصليب Galatians 1:11-19 Luke 8:27-39	24 St Arethas and his companions Philippians 4:10-23 Luke 10:22-24	25 Sts Marcian and Martyrios Colossians 1:1-11 Luke 11:1-10	26 St Demetrios 2 Timothy 2:1-10 John 15:17-16:2	27 St Nestor Colossians 1:24-2:1 Luke 11:14-23	28 Sts Terence and Neonila Colossians 2:1-7 Luke 11:23-26	29 St Anastasia 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 Luke 8:16-21



Church Major Feasts



Abstain from Meat



Fast from midnight until noon



Lenten Season

By Joyce Perry

Did you hear the news?

I can't believe it myself. It's back! It's back! The fellowship is back? The rumors are true that there will be a Fellowship Christmas Party this year and Table #4 is ready to take back the title of the best singers at St. Basil's. Was it 4 calling birds that they excelled at? Five Golden Rings? Will they win the prize?

Will Ben Perry return to cook the meal?

Will Judy Rawan decorate the hall like a winter wonderland?

Will Tom & Jerry return for an encore?

These questions and more will be answered.



Coffee & Pastry served

Date:
Wednesday, Oct. 26
Time: 6 p.m.
Place:
St. Basil's Cultural Center



St. Basil's Church 2022—with a new roof and everything!

St. Basil's Fellowship ...is BACK!

Can you believe it's been over two years since we had a Fellowship meeting? COVID-19 really put a damper on our fun! Well, we are **BACK!**

Remember the informative meetings we had? Remember the Medicare seminar? Remember the ice cream social? Remember the financial talks? Remember the cooking demonstration? Remember the Physical Therapy demonstration? Remember the talk by Father McCarthy? Remember the trip to Maine and that amazing bread? Remember when we all became artist when Jerry taught us how to paint? Those are just some of the exciting things we did!

Let's continue the fun!

Bring your suggestions and ideas. Our meetings will be held just once a month. We would like to plan spiritual events, social events, outings, retreats, short trips, and much more.

Judy and Joyce have volunteered to co-chair the committee again.

We need to decide the best night to have the meetings, but right now, we are planning on one Wednesday per month. More details to follow.

Our first kick-off meeting will be on Wednesday, October 26, at 6 p.m. in the St. Basil's Cultural Center.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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YEAR!**

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Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$381,000



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

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 415



Active Families: 250



% of Active Families Participation: 45%

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

Current & Future Projects:



Roof Repair: Contract Signed - March 2022, estimated cost \$400,0000, project started June 2022, awaiting completion



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



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



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



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (Carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway)



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



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



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



Exterior/Masonry Repairs: Reviewing needs



Door Upgrades: Awaiting proposals

Important Highlights

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



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